

Economic Infrastructure

Policy 34: Co-operate with the establishment of an Integrated Transportation Co-ordinating Group.

Policy 35: Provide a safe road system throughout the County through Road Safety Schemes, which will include the continuation of the Low Cost Safety Measure Programme, Signage and Delineation, Traffic Calming, Safety Features in the vicinity of schools. Other measures deemed necessary by safety audits will be considered.

Policy 36: Provide adequate access for people with disabilities such as through the provision of parking facilities, and disability access facilities, which are incorporated into existing/new development.

Policy 37: Ensure, where possible, that adequate off-street parking and loading/unloading facilities are provided as part of each development, to ensure that parked vehicles do not cause a traffic hazard, obstruct vehicle or pedestrian movement or create a negative visual impact. Where this cannot be provided on site it shall be provided by payment of a levy to the county council for such a provision off-site

Policy 38: Provide/improve parking facilities in towns and villages as development and traffic demand.

Policy 39: Promote Road Safety and seek to avoid the creation of traffic hazards by

- (1) Supporting the Road Safety Committee and the promotion of safety at school level.
- (2) Continuing the process of improvements to sub-standard junctions on all roads.
- (3) Ensuring that the National Standards for Roads are complied with in all developments, as appropriate.
- (4) Ensuring that Safety Audits are conducted for all future Road schemes as appropriate.
- (5) Ensuring that pedestrians and cyclists are provided for adequately in all new developments.

Policy 40: All school developments on new sites to provide roundabout access, off-street drop-off facilities and pedestrian barriers from the school gate to the road boundary. Locate the school gate at the drop-off point.

Policy 41: Co-operate with the establishment of integrated transport depot in all relevant towns and settlements.

Policy 42: Apply the current National Roads Authority Policy Statement on Development, Management and Access to National Roads, May 2006.

Policy 43: The delivery of key strategic projects as identified in the National Development Plan, the National Spatial Strategy and the West Regional Planning Guidelines, and listed as specific Objectives 11 – 18 inclusive of this Plan is a priority of Galway County Council. In this regard, the policies and objectives of this Plan relating to the delivery of these projects are key primary objectives of the Development Plan, taking precedence over other more general policies articulated throughout the Development Plan. It is the policy of Galway County Council to continue to recognize and preserve the strategic, social and economic importance of existing National Roads (**as amended on 23/07/07**).

3.4 Objectives: Roads and Transportation.

- Objective 10:** Facilitate the development of the N6 as part of the Eastern Route Corridor. This includes the construction of the dual carriageway/motorway for the Galway City Outer Bypass along a new alignment, the construction of dual carriageway/motorways under the Galway to Ballinasloe scheme with a single carriageway link to the Loughrea Bypass and the Ballinasloe to Athlone scheme. Both schemes are along new alignments.
- Objective 11:** Facilitate the development of the N18 as part of the Atlantic Corridor. This involves the construction of a motorway/dual carriageway under the Oranmore to Gort Scheme along a new alignment and the construction of a motorway/dual carriageway under the Gort to Crusheen Co. Clare scheme along a new alignment **(as amended on 23/07/07)**.
- Objective 12:** Facilitate the construction of interchanges at appropriate locations to benefit the economic growth of settlements along national routes.
- Objective 13:** Facilitate the development of the N17 as part of the Atlantic Corridor. This involves the construction of a motorway/dual carriageway between Galway and Tuam along a new alignment **(as amended on 23/07/07)**.
- Objective 14:** Facilitate the development of a new motorway/dual carriageway/single carriageway as a strategic route from Galway to Ros a Mhíl Harbour and continue on to Screebe **(as amended on 23/07/07)**.
- Objective 15:** Facilitate the construction of the Tuam bypass as a motorway/dual carriageway along a new alignment **(as amended on 23/07/07)**.
- Objective 16:** Investigate and facilitate if required the construction of a motorway/dual carriageway from the Tuam bypass north to the County boundary along a new alignment **(as amended on 23/07/07)**.
- Objective 17:** Construct inner relief roads for various towns e.g. Athenry, Bearna, Clarinbridge, Craughwell, Maigh Cuilinn, Oughterard and Tuam **(as amended on 23/07/07)**.
- Objective 18:** Construct a ring road around Athenry
- Objective 19:** Continue with the strengthening and improvements of the Local Road network and to improve strategic sections on those roads servicing aquaculture/forestry/agriculture/industry and tourism.
- Objective 20:** Continue with the strengthening and improvements of the Regional Road network.
- Objective 21:** Develop service and link roads within towns and village areas to open up lands within settlements and reduce the necessity for ribbon development.
- Objective 22:** Implement Parking Bye-laws for the County.
- Objective 23:** Provide car parks for the control of on street and off-street car parking, adequate to meet short-term shopping and business requirements and for the needs of local residents.