

Policy Forum for Ireland conference:

Next steps for the transport sector in Ireland

Timing: Morning, Monday, 23rd November 2026

Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 **Assessing key measures to support infrastructure investment and delivery in Ireland**
Senior academic
- 9.20 **Implementation of the Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport - infrastructure and funding**
implementing National Development Plan transport investment commitments | priorities for investment and project sequencing | accelerating project delivery, planning and including implementation of the Critical Infrastructure Act 2026 and project designation | judicial review reform and implications for infrastructure delivery and challenge | capacity and workforce pressures | supply chain and affordability challenges | channelling transport investment to support housing delivery, regional development and economic growth objectives
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, roads
Senior representative, infrastructure
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Next steps for All-Island Strategic Rail Review and investment priorities**
Senior representative, rail
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Accelerating transport connectivity, accessibility and network development**
Anne Shaw, CEO, National Transport Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.15 **Public transport, sustainable mobility and road safety - priorities for connectivity, accessibility and service development**
implementation of the Sustainable Mobility Policy Action Plan 2026-2030 | public transport network development and integration | implementation of the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan | meeting connectivity needs in rural and regional communities | public transport funding, fares and priorities for new and enhanced services | delivering active travel infrastructure and sustainable travel options | road safety priorities, including speed management and enforcement | coordination between transport authorities, operators and local authorities in delivering integrated mobility networks | improving accessibility, inclusion and passenger experience
Christopher Manzira, Acting Director, Active Travel Programme Office, Dublin City Council
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, public transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Decarbonisation, system resilience, and sectoral adaptation**
achieving transport emissions reduction targets and carbon budgets | implementation of Moving Together: A Collaborative Approach to Systems Change in Transport strategy and approaches to transport demand management | freight, maritime, logistics and heavy vehicle decarbonisation | aviation decarbonisation, connectivity and implications of EU emissions requirements | electric vehicle infrastructure, renewable fuels and the energy transition | financing and improving climate resilience across transport networks and infrastructure | opportunities from digitalisation, intelligent transport systems and emerging technologies
Heidi Hopper Duffy, Chief Sustainability Officer, Irish Rail
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, adaptation
Senior representative, maritime
Senior representative, airports
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Public transport investment and infrastructure delivery - priorities and next steps for implementation**
Andrew Ebrill, Head, Metro and Light Rail Investment Division, Department of Transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Harry Nelson, Policy Forum for Ireland