Policy Forum for Ireland conference:
Next steps for the transport sector in Ireland
Timing: Morning, Monday, 23rd November 2026
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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*
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, public transport
Senior representative, active travel
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