

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
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
Senior representative, 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