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To An Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Carlow County Council

Re: Transportation Progress Report for October meeting of Council

The specific details of the works undertaken to date on the roadworks programme are set out in the monthly Chief Executive's Report.

Separate to these prescribed works, a significant number of additional works and initiatives have been and are in the process of being implemented through the roads office. In summary these are as follows:

1. HD 28 sites. An allocation of € 710,000 has been received from the TII to enable skid resistance to be restored at 18 No sites where it was deemed that skid resistance had fallen below guideline values.
2. Carlow Town internal bus service. The roads office are working directly with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to bring an internal bus service to the town.
3. Carlow Town Centre Study. The roads and planning offices are working with a partnership firm of urban designers and traffic consultants to re imagine the town centre of Carlow to enable it to better perform economically.
4. Pavement Programmes on National Routes. Work has been completed on the N80 Tullow Road, and the Tullow Road and Hacketstown Road Roundabouts. Surfacing will take place this week on the N81 southern approach to Tullow. Works are scheduled for the resurfacing of the Strawhall Roundabout and a section of the N81 at Castlegrace of length 0.9 Km.
5. Works were undertaken on a number of bridges during the currency of the year notably at:
 - Spearpoint

- Acaun
 - Ullard
 - Ballyhacket
 - Tullow Bridge, the Part 8 process will be initiated in the current year to provide boardwalks on either side of the bridge to make pedestrian movement safer across the bridge.
 - Grangeford Bridge – works on the structure of this bridge will be undertaken by the end of November.
6. LIS additional funding. An allocation of € 250,000 was made available from the Department of Rural and Community Development. This is very welcome and will permit the improvement to a number of additional lanes that would otherwise have remained on the LIS waiting list of lanes.

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