

Session 1 : Transport priorities and the Regional and Local Road Investment Programme

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DoT Regional and Local Roads

- ❑ Responsible for the setting, allocation and management of the RLR programme
- ❑ Road Network
- ❑ Funding
- ❑ Outputs
- ❑ Challenges / Opportunities



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Road Network

- National Road Network 5420 kms
- Motorway 372 kms
- National primary 2361 kms
- National secondary 2687 kms

- Regional and Local Roads 96,779kms
- Regional Roads 13,387kms
- Local Roads 83,392kms



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Funding

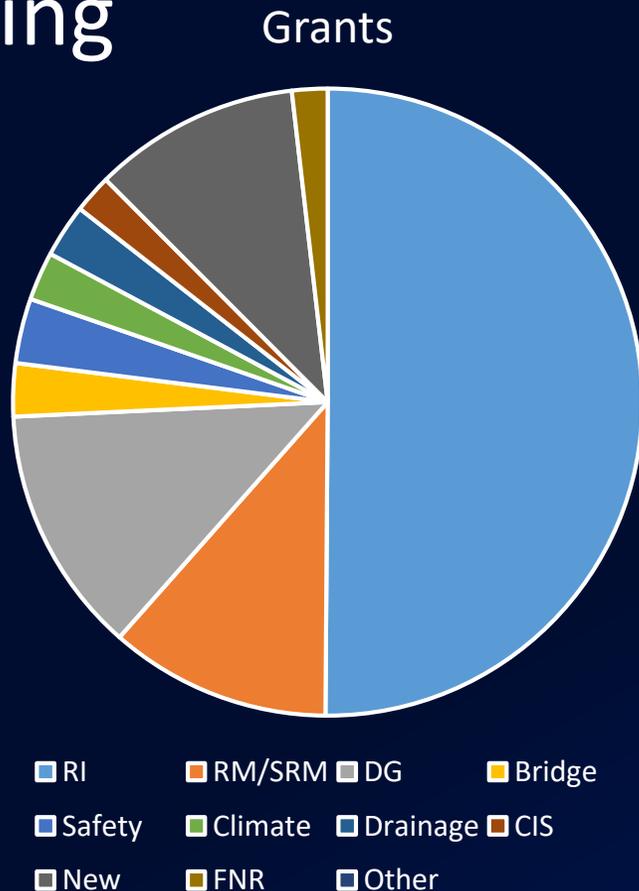


- 90% of DoT allocations to P&R
- 10% New

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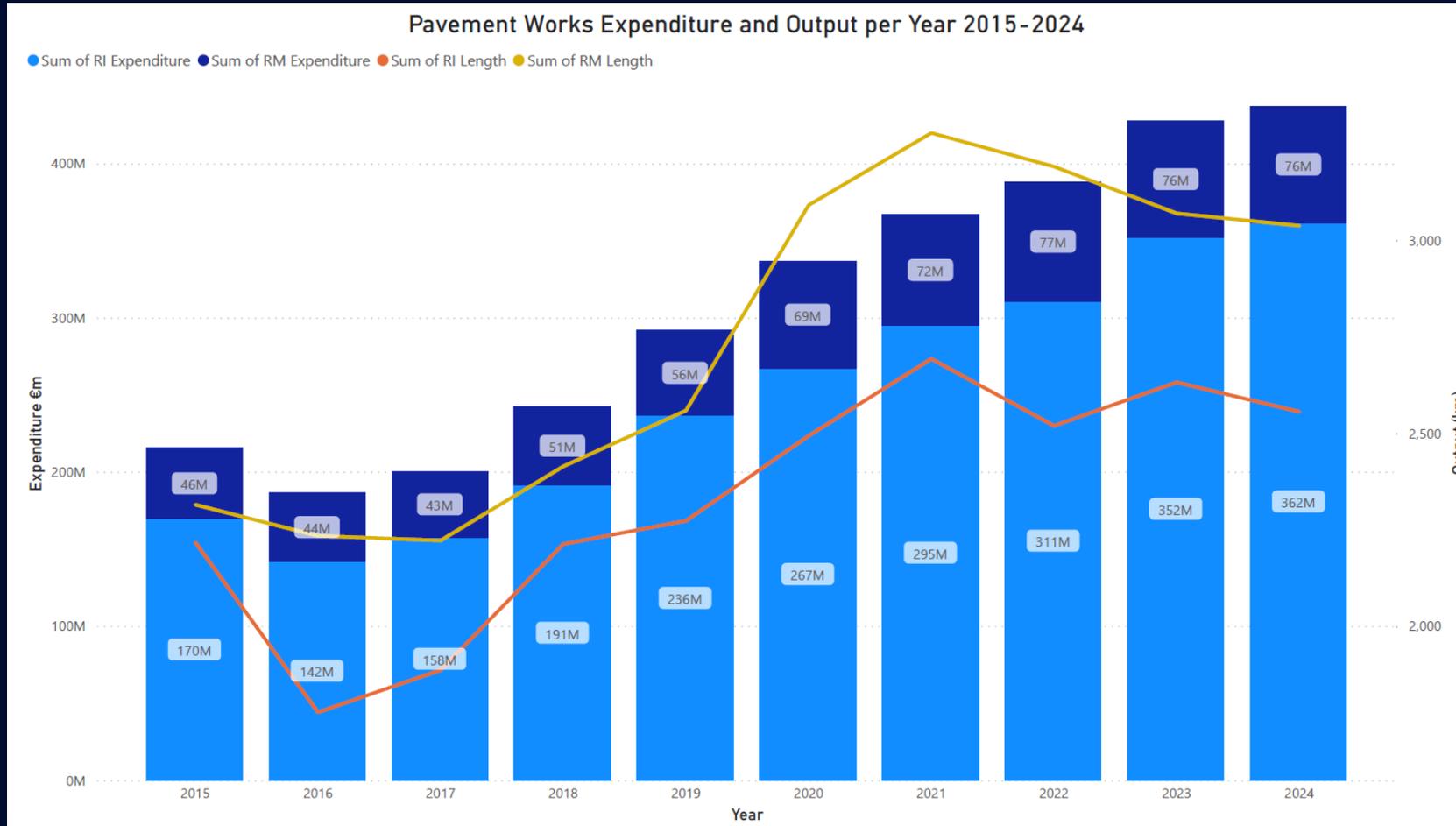


Works Category	2025 € million
Restoration Improvement	330
Restoration Maintenance (including Supplementary)	75
Discretionary Grant	84
Bridge Rehabilitation	18
Safety Improvement Works	22
Community Improvement Schemes	13
Drainage	18
Former National Road Pavements	12
Climate Adaptation & Resilience Works	17
Strategic Grant Projects	48
Specific Grant Projects	22
PSCI and Signs	12

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Output P&R – Capital and Current Funding



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Outputs - Inflation

Year	Annual Inflation Rates ^{Statista}	Bound Material ^{Note1}	Surface Dressing ^{Note2}	Chippings ^{Note3}	Bitumen Emulsions ^{Note4}	AC Regulating
2019	+0.9%					
2020	-0.3%					
2021	+2.4%					
2022	+7.8%	+17.8%	+8.9%	+6.1%	+24.3%	17.7%
2023	+5.2%	+8.6%	+5.1%	+6.2%	-5.9%	5.2%
2024	+1.7%	+6.5%	+1.9%	+4.6%	0%	12.2%

Note 1: rates for AC20/HRA/SMA.

Note 2: contractor applied single and double surface dressing.

Note 3: costs ex pit for 6, 10, 14mm chippings.

Note 4: combination of polymer modified and cationic emulsions.

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Outputs – Strategic New Road Improvements

	Project	Status
1	Sligo Western Distributor Road	Open 2021
2	Sallins Bypass	Open 2021
3	Laytown to Bettystown Link Road	Open 2021
4	Athy Southern Distributor Road	Open 2023
5	Tralee Northern Relief Road, Phase 1	At construction
6	Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road	At construction
7	Rice Bridge	At Construction
8	Shannon Crossing/Killaloe Bypass/R494 Upgrade	At Construction
9	Athenry Relief Road	Procurement
10	Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Roads Scheme	Procurement
11	R498 Nenagh/Thurles (Latteragh) Upgrade	Detailed design
12	Thurles Relief Road	Detailed design

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Outputs - Other

	2023	2024	2025
Minor Road Improvement Grant Projects	66	72	86
Low Cost Safety Projects	302	261	339
Bridge Rehabilitation Projects	314	290	334

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2026 – 2030?



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2026-2030 Programme for Government/NDP

□ Increase in funding for :

1. Protection and Renewal to address backlogs
2. Road New Road Projects
3. Community Improvement Schemes (CIS)
4. Transport Networks

□ Multi Annual Funding Budgets



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2026-2030 - Other challenges / Opportunities

- Road Safety*
- Climate Adaptation
- AI
- HV Cables*
- Abnormal Loads*
- Utilities*
- Carbon Savings*
- Sustainable Mobility*
- Structures
- Traffic Signs*



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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

- Climate Adaptation
- Network Resilience



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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

- ❑ High Voltage Cables
- ❑ Gigabit Infrastructure Act
- ❑ Road Openings, Reinstatement and Licensing
- ❑ Legislation



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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

Exceptional abnormal loads

- ❑ Standardised system
- ❑ Structural analysis
- ❑ Asset management



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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

- Structural Assessment Programme

– Phase 1, River Shannon, 21 structures

- Phase 2 Nore, Barrow, Suir

- Phase 3, At risk structures along coastline

Output

- Structural condition

Load Rating

Maintenance work required

Scour assessment

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- Structural Assessment Programme



Banagher Bridge County Offaly/Galway

– Phase 1, River Shannon, 21 structures

- Phase 2 Nore, Barrow, Suir

- Phase 3, At risk structures along coastline

Output

- Structural condition

Load Rating

Maintenance work required

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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

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Sarsfield Bridge, Limerick City

– Phase 1, River Shannon, 21 structures

- Phase 2 Nore, Barrow, Suir

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Output

- Structural condition

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2026 – 2030 -Challenges / Opportunities

□ Speed Limits

Single Carriageways			
Default Speed Limits			
			 
National Primary	National Secondary	Regional	Local
Applies to Single Carriageways in Rural areas			

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