

RSTG/DOT Conference 2026 - Whites Hotel Wexford - 14th - 15th May 2026

Day 1	Time	Programme 2026	Speaker
Thursday, 14th May 2026	8:00-9:30	Conference Registration	
	9:30-9:40	Welcome - Wexford County Council	Cllr Joe Sullivan - Cathaoirleach
	9:40-9:45	Opening Address	Minister Sean Canney T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Transport
	Session 1	Road Sector Overview, Road Safety & Abnormal Loads Office	
	Session Chair	Barry Kehoe RSTG Chair and Chief Executive of Westmeath County Council	
	9:45-10:00	Transport Priorities and the Regional and Local Road Investment Programme	David O'Grady - Principal Adviser (DoT, Roads Division)
	10:00-10:25	The Strength and Value of Local Authority Road Safety	Declan Keogh (Kerry County Council)
	10:25-10:50	Progression & Development on the Movement of Abnormal Loads	Cian O'Ceilleachair (DoT, Roads Division) Carmel O'Hare (Monaghan County Council) Seamas O'Reilly (Limerick City & County Council)
	10:50-11:05	Q&A-SLIDO <small>(Questions must include name and associated Local Authority to be considered by the panel)</small>	
	11:05-11:10	Description of Exhibitions by Session Chair	Barry Kehoe - RSTG Chair
	11:10-11:45	Tea/Coffee/Networking/Exhibitions	
	Session 2	Accessibility & Sustainable Road Maintenance Strategies	
	Session Chair	Eamonn Hore, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Services, Wexford County Council	
	11:45-12:05	Universal Design in the Built Environment	Mary Tallant (National Disability Authority)
	12:05-12:25	Accessibility, Usability and the Built Environment and the Requirements of I.S. E.N 17210:2021	Ivor Heavey (IPB)
	12:25-12:45	Pavement Road Maintenance Strategy	Kevin West (Monaghan County Council) Declan Toner (Monaghan County Council)
	12:45-13:00	Q&A-SLIDO <small>(Questions must include name and associated Local Authority to be considered by the panel)</small>	
	13:00-14:30	Lunch/Networking/Exhibitions	
	Session 3	Climate Adaptation & Winter Maintenance	
	Session Chair	John McLaughlin, Chairperson of LASNTG and Chief Executive of Donegal County Council	
	14:30-15:00	Mental Fitness For Times Like These	Neil O'Brien, Motivational Speaker, Author & Coach
	15:00-15:25	Transport Sectoral Adaptation Plan (T-SAPII) 2025-2030: Focus on Regional and Local Roads	Andrea Lennon (DoT, Climate Adaptation & Research Division)
	15:25-15:55	Winter Maintenance: Abnormal Nights and the Duty Engineer	Tony Buckley (Westmeath County Council)
	15:55-16:05	Q&A-SLIDO <small>(Questions must include name and associated Local Authority to be considered by the panel)</small>	
	16:05-16:15	Tea/Coffee/Networking/Exhibitions	
	Session 4	Housing Activation Office Funding & Edenderry Relief Road Case Study	
	Session Chair	Mary J. Mulholland Director of Services, Kilkenny Co. Council	
	16:15-16:40	Housing Activation Office - Funding Available under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund	Brian Kennedy (Department of Housing)
16:40-17:05	Edenderry Inner Relief Road - Constructing Roads over Soft Ground.	John Mitchell (Offaly County Council)	
17:05-17:15	Q&A-SLIDO <small>(Questions must include name and associated Local Authority to be considered by the panel)</small>		
19:00	Conference Dinner		

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Friday, 15th May 2026	Session 1	Standards & Guidelines Updates		
	Session Chair	Celina Barrett, Assistant Chief Executive, Dublin City Council		
	9.30-9.55	NTA Guideline Updates	Noel Fennelly (NTA)	
	9.55-10.20	Orange Book Guidelines Update - Introduction to the 3rd Edition	Ollie Brennan (DoT Support Office) Edmond Kenny (DoT, Roads Division)	
	10.20-10.45	TII Standards Updates	Esther Madden (TII) Brian O'Flaherty (TII) Andrew Nolan (TII)	
	10.45-11.00	Q&A-SLIDO <small>(Questions must include name and associated Local Authority to be considered by the panel)</small>		
	11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee/Networking/Exhibitions		
	Session 2	RMO Updates		
	Session Chair	Tom Murphy Retired Superintendent GRPB		
	11.30-11.55	Supporting Local Authorities in Accelerating Infrastructure	John McNulty (RMO)	
	11.55-12.20	2018 to 2024 Regional Road Network Survey Analysis	Henry Spratt (RMO)	
	12.20-12.30	Q&A-SLIDO <small>(Questions must include name and associated Local Authority to be considered by the panel)</small>		
	12.30-12.45	Closing Address	Minister Jerry Buttimer T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Transport	
	12.45-14.15	Closing Lunch		



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