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Transport Priorities and the Regional and Local Road Investment Programme

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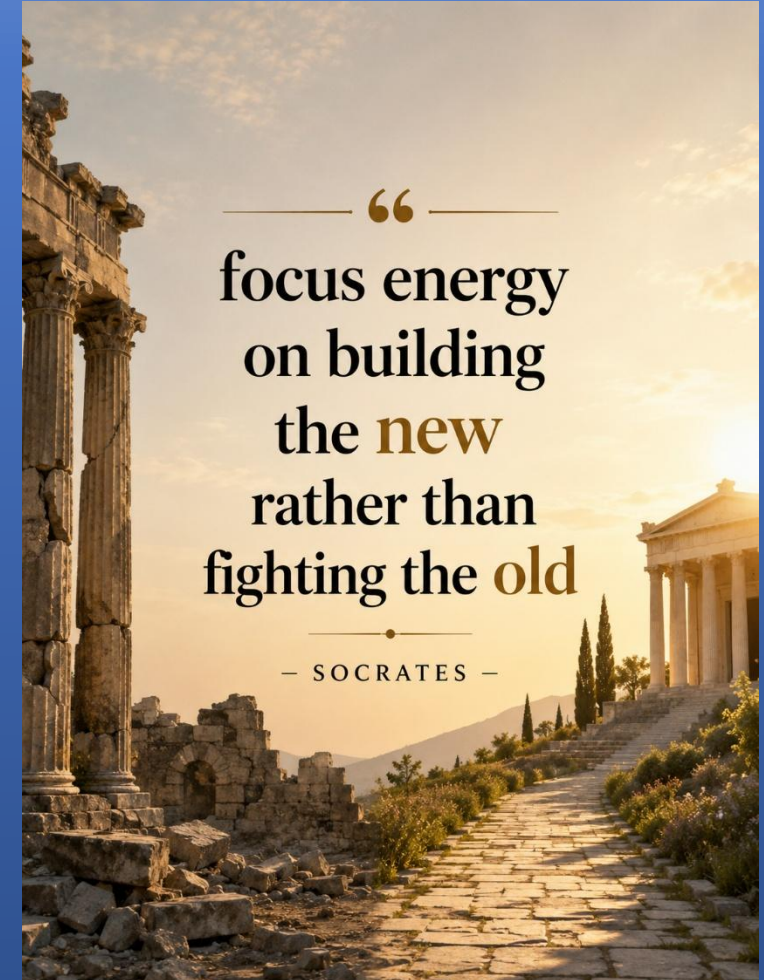
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Safe Roads

- Road Safety Strategy 2021 - 2030
- Phase 2 action plan 2025-2027 published July 2025
- Actions

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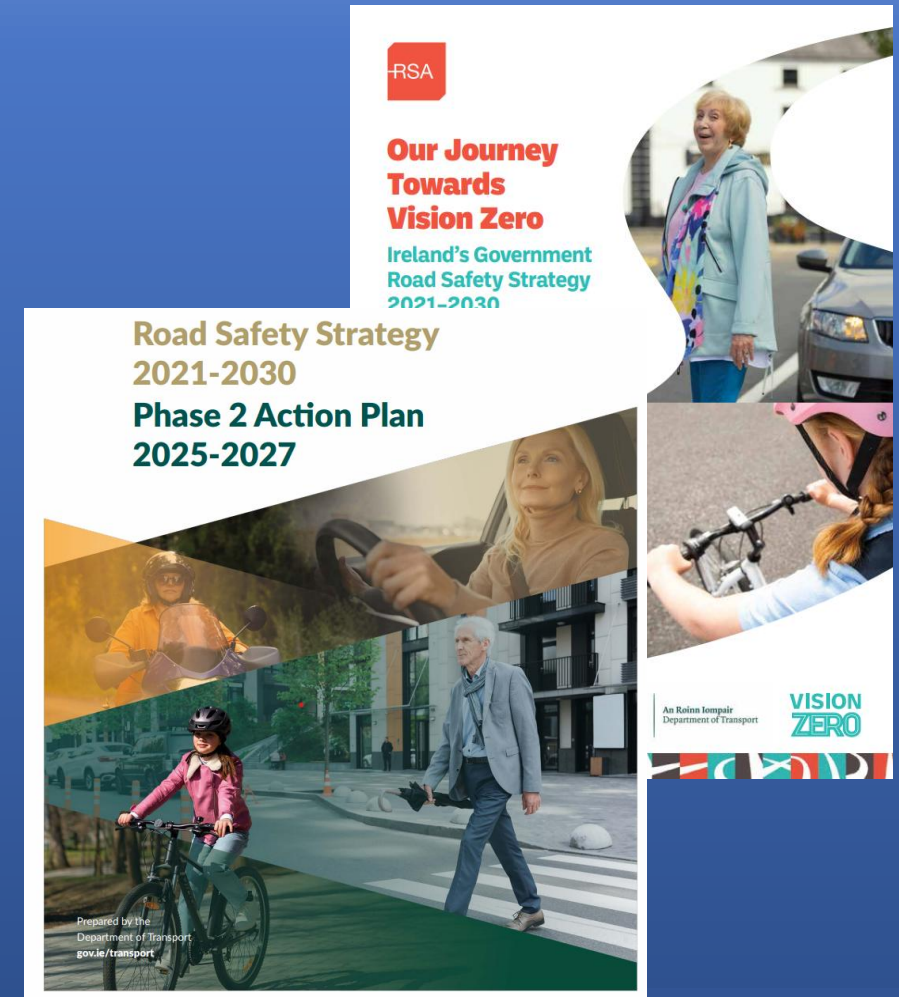
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Progress implementation of the recommendations of the 2023 Speed Limit Review.

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Safe roads and roadsides

Identify and implement the required legislation to strengthen the Road (Local) Authority role in the management of road openings and road reinstatements by other sectors seeking access to the road for services, utilities and other uses.



Safe Roads

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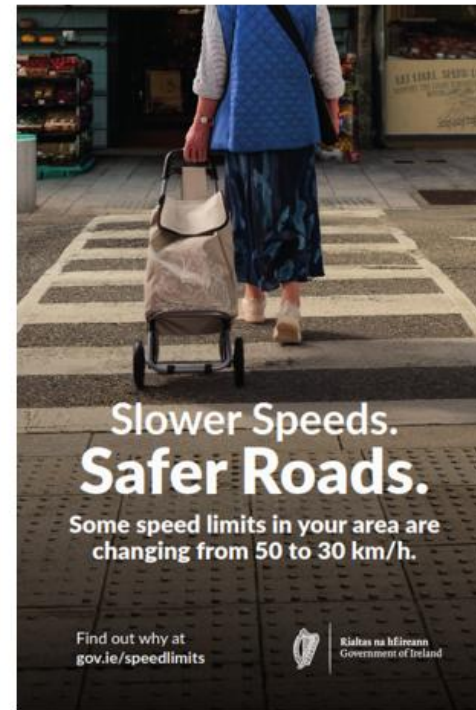
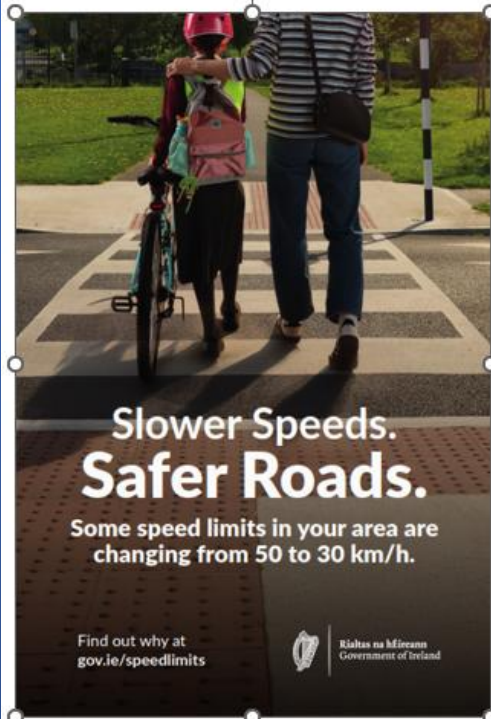
- Network Safety Analysis
- Locations of Interest
- Low cost safety 2020 to 2026:
 - 2,200 €78m
- LA Road Safety Engineers
 - 11 Counties



Safe Roads

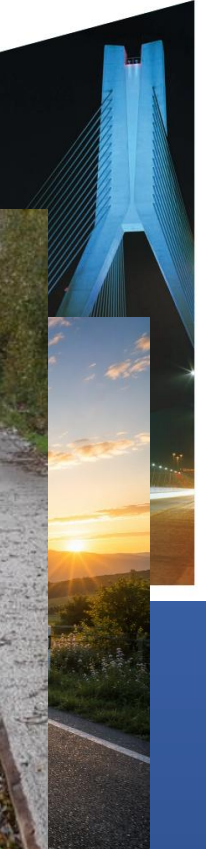
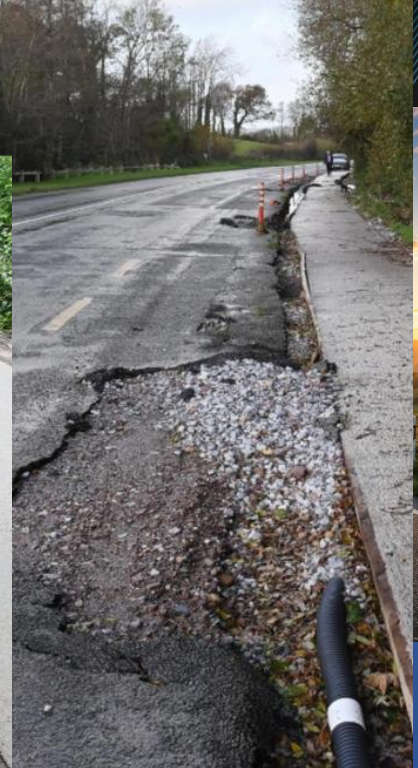
Speed Limit Review 2023 – Phase 2 – Implementation of Urban Speed Limits

- Adoption of special speed limit bye-laws by 30th October 2026.
- Implementation of urban speed limits by 31st March 2027
- Funding support available from Department of Transport, Circular RW 10 of 2026 refers



Accelerating Infrastructure

- Housing
- Energy Grid Infrastructure / Renewable energy
- Water
- Transport
- Implications for Roads?
- Exceptional Abnormal Loads
- Multiple applications and Severance of Road Space
- Liability and Ownership
- Road Opening Licenses
- Reinstatement and technical standards issues



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Accelerating Infrastructure

- Multi Departmental /Agency approach
- Joint Utility Transport Clearing House - JUTCH
 - DPER/ DHLGH/ DCEE/ CCMA/ TII /UE/ BG/ ESNB/ Eirgrid
- Joint Electricity Transport Committee - JET
 - DoT /DCEE /CCMA /TII /ESBN /Eirgrid
- Housing Activation Office



Local Authority Central Support Unit - LACSU

Severe Weather

- Storm Chandra - €56m
- Frequency
- Funding
 - 2016 to 2026 = €167m



Climate Adaptation

Policy Framework

- National Adaptation Framework
- Climate Action Plan
- Climate Adaptation Strategy for Regional and Local Roads
- Transport – Sectoral Adaptation Plan T-SAP II

Critical Infrastructure Routes

- 583 locations and 2030 kms

Funding

RLR Climate Adaptation Funding 2020 to date – €111m
Number of projects – 2400



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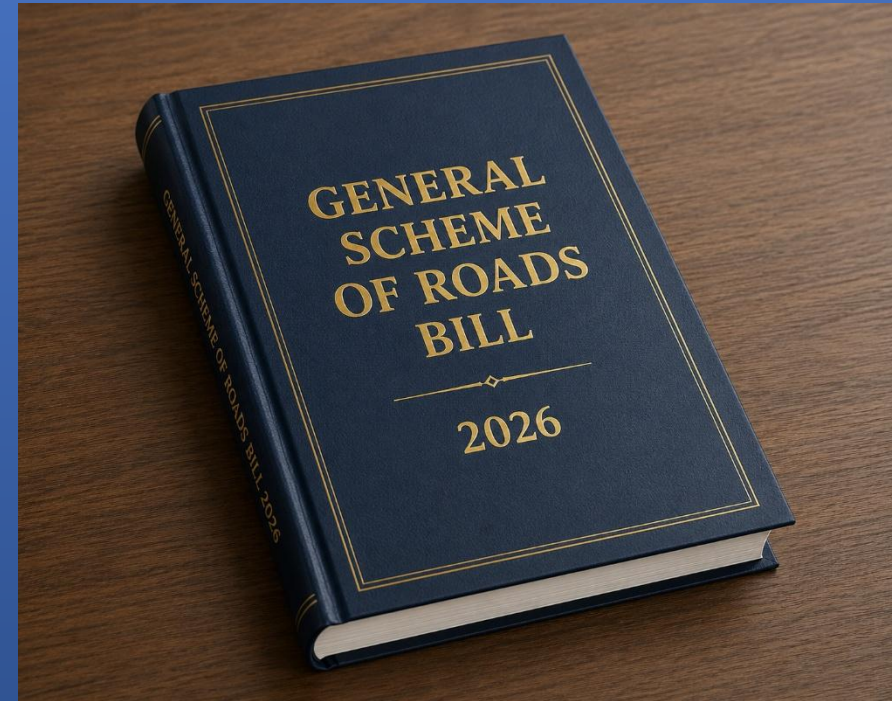
Legislation

- Gigabit Infrastructure Act
- Private Wires
- District Heating
- ESB Acts
- Gas Act
- Water Services Act
- General Scheme of Roads Bill

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Road Investment Programme

Funding 2026 €718m

Works Category	2025	2026
	€ million	€ million
Restoration Improvement	330	350
Restoration Maintenance (including Supplementary)	75	77
Discretionary Grant	84.4	86.2
Bridge Rehabilitation	18	18
Safety Improvement Works	13	14
Community Improvement Schemes	13	16.2
Drainage	18	18
FNR (SRRR) Pavements	12	12
Climate Adaptation & Resilience Works	17	17
Strategic Grant Projects	48	50
Specific Grant Projects	22	20

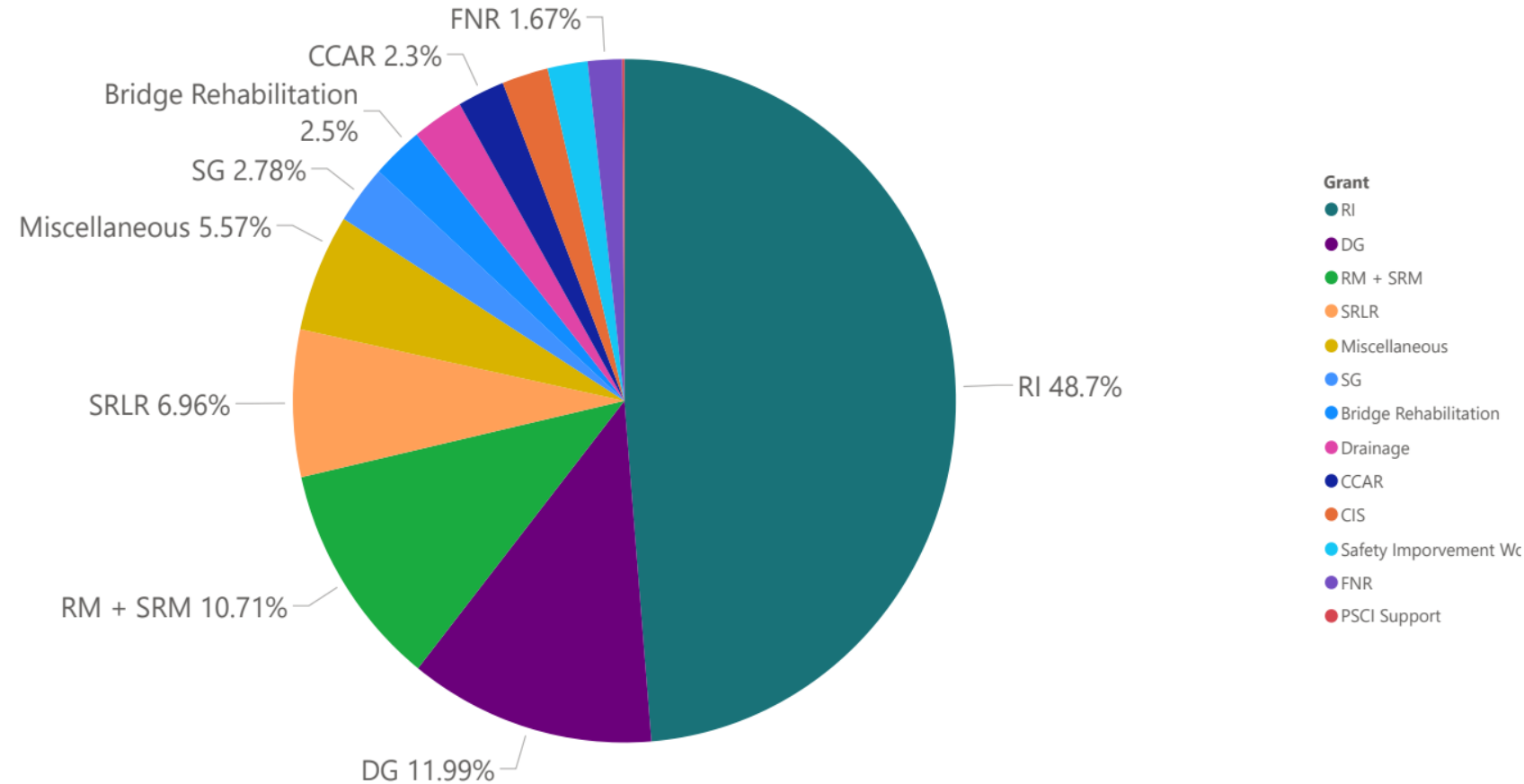
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2026 Regional and Local Roads Grant Allocation - % Distribution



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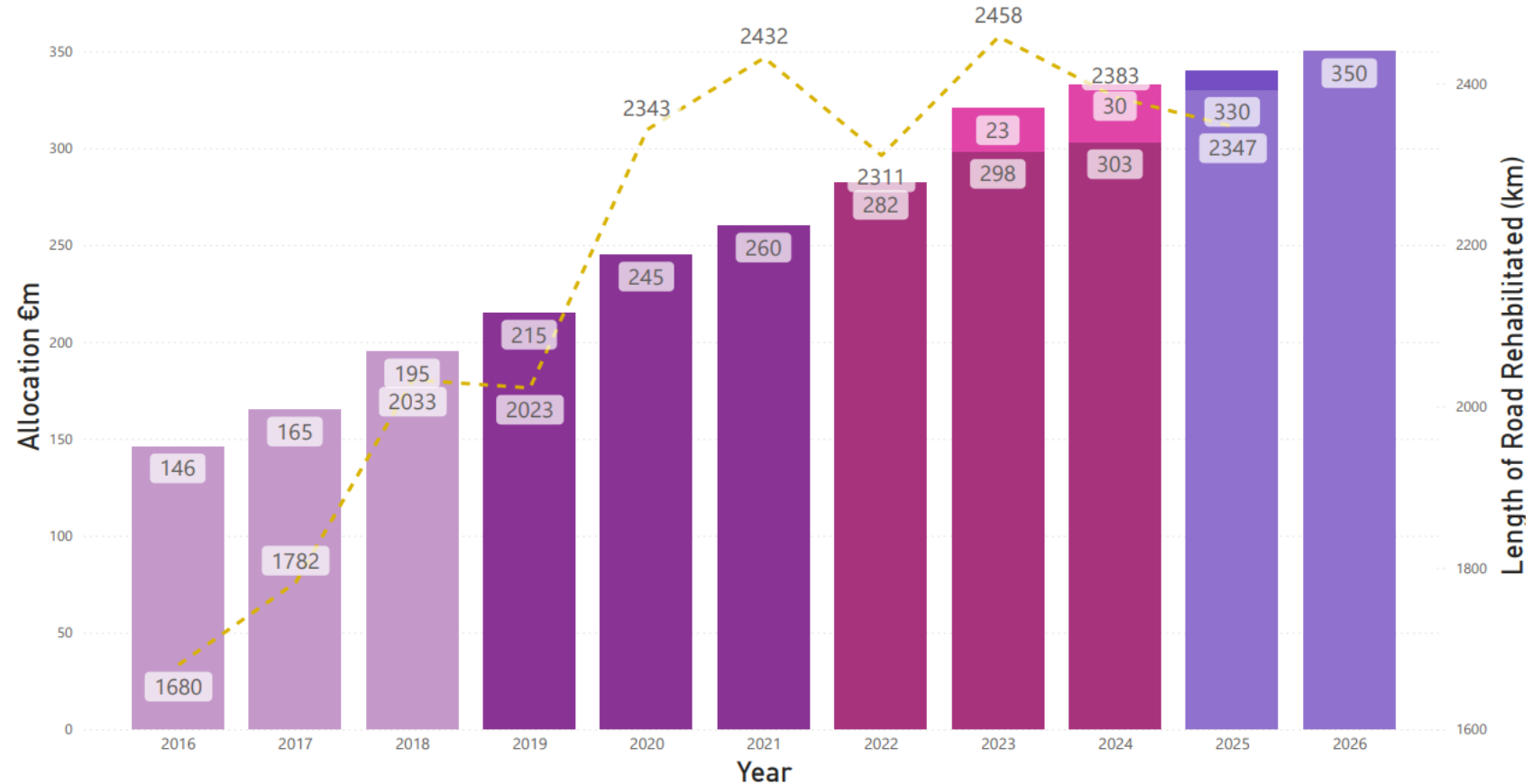
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Restoration Improvement

3 year programme

Celebrating 30 Years

Annual Restoration Improvement Allocations vs Length of Road Rehabilitated



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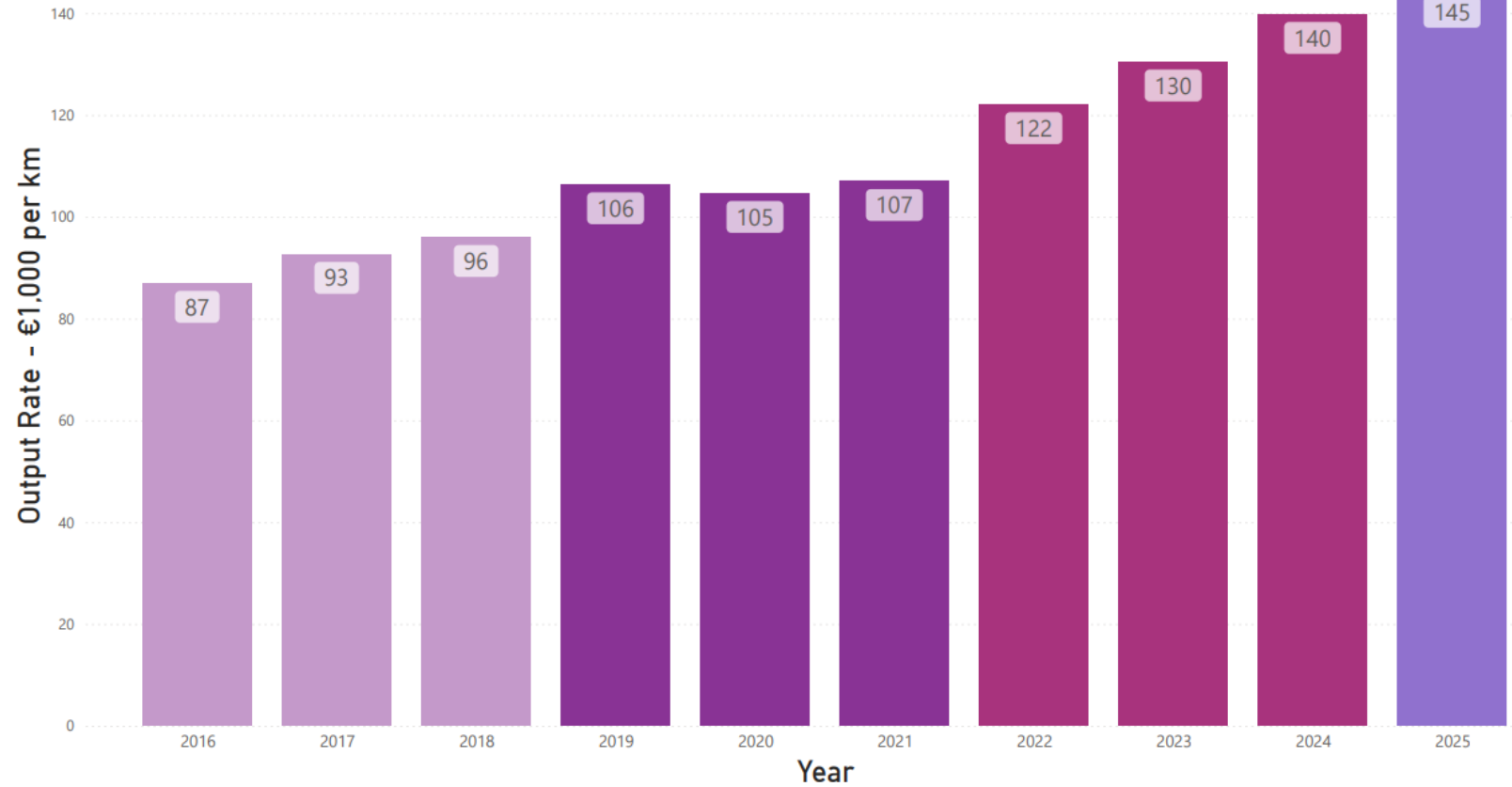
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Public Works Contracts CF5/CF6

Latest Versions 2023

Annual Restoration Improvement Output Rates



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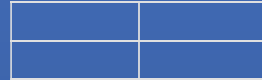
Project	Status
Tralee Northern Relief Road, Phase 1	Completed
Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road	Completed (part open)
Shannon Crossing/Killaloe Bypass/R494 Upgrade	Completed
Athenry Relief Road, Phase 3	At Construction
Fintra bridge and approach roads	At Construction
Rice Bridge	At Construction
R498 Nenagh/Thurles (Latteragh) Upgrade	At Construction
Eastern Garavogue Bridge and Approach Roads Scheme	Procurement

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Thank You

- CCMA / LGMA / LASNTG
- Local Authorities
- Road Management Office
- DoT Support Office
- Agencies
- Climate Adaptation Regional Office
- DoT Roads Division



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