



Transport & Mobility Forum - Cork

Submission to the Cork County Draft Local Economic and Community Plan

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The Transport and Mobility Forum welcomes this draft plan and would like to make a number of recommendations under Connectivity and Health.

CONNECTIVITY

In order to increase the competitiveness of attracting highly skilled young people from abroad, who do not wish to own or travel by car, it is crucial that we broaden the modes by which people can travel from the current high dependency on the private motor car.

Everyone, across all ages, should be entitled to feel safe, be comfortable and welcomed as road users by whatever mode they choose.

We recommend that the vision goals be broadened from purely public transport to sustainable travel by the inclusion of a goal as follows:

Accessibility to work, life and recreational activities will be facilitated by a targeted modal shift to more sustainable travel modes.

HEALTH

Health is a major cross cutting issue, however, a key area we wish to highlight with regard to impact on health is the need to promote Active Travel.

Get Ireland Active: the National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP) for Ireland was launched in March 2016 driven by the priority set out by the Healthy Ireland Framework to increase the physical activity levels of the population. It clearly highlights active travel as one of the most practical and sustainable ways to increase physical activity as part of everyday routine.

Under Place add:

Complement Actions 32-37 of the NPAP relating to supporting people across the lifespan and of all abilities choosing active travel as an everyday mode of transport.

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