



Transport & Mobility Forum

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Public Consultation – Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel *. The TMF fully supports sustainable modes of travel measures and policies. Sustainable and Active Travel (walking and cycling) helps reduce congestion on roads, improves air quality, supports a low carbon economy, reduces noise pollution and improves public health.

SDGs, ...

General Considerations

While we generally opposed the construction of any new routes for motor vehicles due to the concern of inducing demand and therefore increasing the number of miles driven and ultimately leading to more congestion, we recognise and appreciate the desirability and necessity of removing HGVs and other motor vehicles from the center of Bandon. As the cyan route is the minimal intervention to achieve that objective, we favour the cyan route.

In order, to allow a less car-centric, more liveable, pleasant, and accessible town center for all and in order for this project to have it full positive effect we feel that;



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1 it is vital that as well as the construction of a new road and the engineering works that measures are put in place to limit the ability of traffic to drive through the town centre when this link is complete should be limited.

2 that a mobility/freight hub is put in place to allow the consolidation and distribution of loads from smaller vehicles to larger vehicles for first and last mile delivery.

We also have some concerns that the route chosen while very effective at removing east-west traffic from the town centre will be less effective at removing North-South through traffic from the town centre.

Ideally this route should only have been constructed as part of a comprehensive mobility plan for the town, we are aware that further work on mobility in Bandon is underway but it is not immediately apparent in these consultation documents.

Should you require any clarifications, please email me at tmfcork@gmail.com .

Kind regards

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Note: *The comments within this submission are solely the view of the Transport and Mobility Forum (TMF) as a whole and not the opinion or view of any individual partner of the TMF.*

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