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ROADS

A TIME TO REFLECT



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18) Southern Link Road

19) Ballymascanlon Bridge

20) Dunleer - Dundalk Motorway

21) Signing Contract for Dunleer Bypass

Dunleer Bypass

This was the first in a series of major road schemes completed in 1995 at a cost of some €30 million.

Dundalk-Dunleer Motorway

This scheme was one of the largest roadworks schemes ever undertaken in Ireland. The project includes over 18 kilometres of dual carriageway. A new southern link was also provided to the Ardee road (N52) in the west and to the Dublin-Belfast road at PJ Carrolls factory in the east at a total cost of some €130 million.

Northern Motorway (Balbriggan to Monasterboice)

This project which is being constructed by Meath County Council, on foot of an agreement with Louth County Council, will connect the Balbriggan by-pass to the Dunleer by-pass at Monasterboice. The overall length will be 31.5 kilometres.

Ardee Link Road

Access to the M1 motorway at Dunleer is now via this new link road from a newly constructed roundabout on the northern outskirts of Ardee.

Ardee to Rathory - A Major Road Improvement Scheme for the N2

This project represented an investment of approximately €10.5

million and was co-financed by the European Community. The improvement of this section was necessary as the original road was seriously deficient in terms of width, sight lines, horizontal/vertical alignment and drainage. In particular, it will benefit the border region and north west by providing better access and reduced travel times.

Ballymascanlon Bridge Re-Alignment

This project involved the construction of a new riverbridge and the re-alignment of the approach roads on the R173 for 1.9 kilometres at a cost of approximately €4 million.

Dundalk Western Bypass

The compulsory purchase order, motorway scheme and environmental impact assessment have completed the public enquiry phase and, hopefully, this major project can commence in the course of 2003. It consists of approximately 12 kilometres of motorway and runs from the southern link road interchange to Thistle Cross. It was recently announced that this would be developed as a Public Private Partnership venture and an invitation to private sector companies to tender, i.e design, build, finance and operate basis, was recently published



22) County Manager,
Town Engineer,
Town Clerk
- Táin Bridge

23) Road Safety
Launch

24) Road Safety
Promotion

25) Percent For Art
Scheme
- Drogheda
Treatment Plant

26) Clogherhead
Harbour
Improvement

Schemes at Planning Stage

Ardee Bypass (East and West)

Work on the preliminary design, environmental impact study and compulsory order have now been finalised. The statutory procedures in accordance with the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations have recently been published.

Newry to Dundalk

A preliminary design has now been finalised including road realignment, preparation of EIS, CPO documentation, site investigation and topographical surveys.

Northern Cross (Port Access) Drogheda

Design features have been finalised by the County Council's Roads Department and attempts are currently being made to canvass a number of possible sources of funding for this major project, details of which will be incorporated into the North Drogheda Environs Development Plan.

Marine Works

Grant funding was secured to implement coastal protection measures at Salterstown and Annagassan together with improvement works at Clogherhead and Gyles Quay piers.

Road Safety

Possibly one of the highlights was the victory of the Junior School Warden Team representing Carlingford National School at the 1997 Regional Competition Finals. In addition, the Council worked closely with a number of agencies in advancing the Operation Livesaver initiative. The "Safe Road" initiative comprising of a video, information pack and wallet for circulation to schools, clubs and societies proved to be another worthwhile initiative.

Parking Management

The successful implementation of a traffic and parking management scheme for Ardee would do much to enhance the economic and social life of that town.

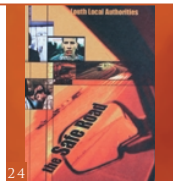
Road Restoration Programme

The successful implementation of the roads restoration programme now represents a surface dressing/surface repair cycle with approximately 8 years for regional roads and 11.5 years for local roads, with resulting improvements becoming readily obvious.

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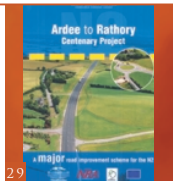
- 27 Opening of Dunleer/Dundalk Motorway and Ardee Link Road
- 28 Ardee to Rathory - Official Opening
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- 30 Percent For Art Scheme - Cuchulainn's Helmet
- 31 Centenary Road Opening Stone
- 32 Dundalk Treatment Plant



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