

Tipperary Road Safety Strategy

Action Plan 2025-2027

Safe System Priority Intervention Area: Safe Roads and Roadsides

Safe roads and roadsides involves the planning, design and operation of roads and roadsides and provides the framework for safe road and vehicle use. The aim of this priority intervention area is to support correct road use through providing 'self-explaining' roads (i.e. roads that are easy to understand and use) and forgiving roadsides (i.e. roadsides that minimise the impact of collisions) so that if a collision occurs it does not lead to death or serious injury.

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1	Progress Road Safety Inspections on National Routes in accordance with (AM-STY-06044) (HD17) of TII Publications and the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management. TCC will address identified hazards based on its prioritised ranking for treatment subject to TII funding.	TII	TII/TCC	Annually	TCC		2A
2	Progress the identification of High Collision Locations on the National road network routes in accordance with (GE-STY-01022) (HD15) of TII Publications and the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management. Proposed schemes will be progressed where engineering measures are deemed appropriate subject to TII funding.	TII	TII/TCC	Annually & ongoing	TCC		2A/12B

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3	Undertake Road Safety Audits in accordance with (GE-STY-01024) (HD19) and the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management. A Road Safety Audit will be undertaken for all required schemes.	TII	TCC	Ongoing	TII		
4	Implement a minimum of 8 HD16 (CC-STY-04002) inspection requirements for temporary safety measures at road works in accordance with the EU Directive on Road Safety Infrastructure Management.	TII	TCC	Varies depending on the timeframe of the road works	TII		
5	Implementation of awareness and media campaign for roadside hedgecutting, with continued liaison with landowners to close out issues. Instigate legal action when necessary.	TCC	TCC	Annually			
6	Deliver programme of LED upgrade/retrofit as per national strategy as part of the South East region. Works to be completed by 2028.	RMO/KCC/TCC	RMO/KCC/TCC	Ongoing to 2028			
7	Complete the fencing retrofit programme on National Roads subject to landowner agreement and funding availability.	TCC		Ongoing	TII		

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8	Construct footpaths and develop cycleways and greenways, including segregation where appropriate subject to funding.	TCC		Ongoing	NTA/TII	5	1A
9	Identify, prioritise and implement five minimum low cost safety measures for non national roads subject to funding.	TCC	TCC	Annually	DoT		
10	Support national policy to increase the length of divided roads on the national primary road network in Tipperary subject to funding.	TII	TII	Ongoing	TCC	3	3A/3B
11	Road Works Programme - publish annual Road Works Programme identifying road improvements being carried out, as contained in the TCC Service Delivery Plan.	TCC	TCC	Annually	TII		
12	Resource the implementation of the Road Network Safety Analysis Programme for local and regional roads when rolled out by DoT subject to funding.	CCMA/LA's, Department of Transport		Ongoing to Q4 2027		52	2A
13	Monitor and undertake treatment as required on routes identified in the Winter Service Plan. Implement Winter Service Plan and publish Plan on TCC website.	TCC		Ongoing	TII/DoT		

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14	Provide timely and appropriate road traffic collision data to local authorities, and agencies with responsibility for road improvement and maintenance, to inform their work.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annually	DoT/LGMA	62	1/5/7/17
15	Continue the repair and maintenance of existing footpaths via "Own Resource" funding stream and, where possible, comply with DMURS on best practice standards.	TCC		Annually			1A
16	Aim to maximise drainage funding streams: Drainage Grant, Geo App and Climate Change funding to implement an Annual Drainage Works Programme on the road network.	TCC		Annually	DoT/TII		
17	Deliver road safety improvement schemes and minor realignment schemes on national roads, to create forgiving roadsides, self-explaining roads and a safe environment for vulnerable road users where schemes are identified by TII or TCC subject to funding.	TII	CEO	Ongoing over life time of plan	TCC	2	2A

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18	Review and make recommendations for the provision of a dedicated road safety engineering resource in each Local Authority to progress road safety schemes and strategy actions. TCC will assign a resource in accordance with the recommendation when central government funding is provided.	DOT/TII/CCMA/ LA's	DoT Principal, CEO TII, LA Chief Executive	Ongoing		63	2A
19	Identify bus stops on rural sections of national roads for assessment.	TII	CEO	Ongoing	CCMA /LA	71	1C

Safe System Priority Intervention Area: Safe Speeds

Safe speeds is a central element of the Safe System approach. It involves consideration of road and vehicle planning and design, the setting of injury-minimising speed limits, as well as public education and awareness, and the enforcement of these limits.

Successful Safe System approaches ensure that the set speed limits on parts of the network are not higher than the built-in protection provided by roads, roadsides and vehicles. Although collisions may still occur, they should not lead to death or serious injury.

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20	Implement the speed limit in urban areas in accordance with national guidance.	CCMA/LA's	Chief Executive	Annually	DoT	78	5B
21	Deliver public education on inappropriate and excessive speeding in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to improve speed compliance on all roads with a particular emphasis on regional roads and in urban areas for the protection of vulnerable road users.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annually	AGS/TII/TCC	10	7A/9A/9B/9C/20
22	Conduct specific education interventions to raise awareness of the benefits of, and build community support for 30km/h zones in urban areas.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annually	CCMA/LA	76	5B/9A/9B/9C/20
23	Support the operation of the safety camera system to maximise its effectiveness in detecting road traffic offences.	An Garda Síochána	Commissioner of An Garda Síochána	Annual	RSA/CCMA/LA's	9	6A
24	Support the review of speed management measures on the road network.	TCC/TII		Q4 2027	AGS/RSA	8	3A/5A/5B/6C

Safe System Priority Intervention Area: Safe Vehicles

The safe vehicles element of the Safe Systems approach addresses the safety of the road users both inside and outside the vehicle through legislative

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standards, consumer information, public procurement and industry initiatives.

It includes measures to help avoid a collision and to mitigate the severity of a collision before it occurs. It also involves measures to reduce injury in the event of a collision and to reduce the consequences of injury. Of particular relevance here is the EU General Safety Regulation (GSR) which introduces safety requirements for new vehicles coming into effect from 2022.

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25	Process Abnormal and Exceptional Abnormal Load Permits as applied for, average 200 per year.	TCC	TCC	Ongoing	AGS		
26	Maintain Tipperary County Council fleet so that all vehicles are safe and fit for purpose.	TCC	TCC	Ongoing			
27	Educate drivers about tyre safety, maintenance and checking and promote the national campaign.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annual	AGS	87	9A/9B/9C/ 20

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28	<p>Promote a comprehensive communications programme to inform and influence the public and stakeholders on the purchase of new and used vehicles including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of Euro NCAP 5-star rating as a key determinant when purchasing or leasing a vehicle, Promote and educate on new technologies in vehicles such as: eCall, Automatic Anti-lock Braking System(ABS), Emergency Stopping, Lane Departure, Intelligent Speed Assist and Promote online facility to check NCT or CVRT vehicle test history. 	Road Safety Authority	Director - Vehicle Standards & Enforcement, Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annual		14	4A/4B/4C/20
29	Promote the public awareness campaign educating drivers on the importance of maintaining vehicles in a roadworthy condition.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annual		88	

Safe System Priority Intervention Area: Safe Road Use

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Safe road use incorporates a wide range of safety behaviours such as compliance with the posted speed limit, driving without impairment (due to alcohol, drugs, fatigue or distraction), helmet wearing, seat belt wearing and correct use of child restraints.

It involves setting road user standards (e.g., driver training and licensing requirements), developing traffic legislation and implementing targeted enforcement. It also includes public education and awareness campaigns and harnessing the benefits of safety technologies so that we share our roads safely, mitigating the risk of fatalities and serious injuries.

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30	Raise awareness of the new Government Road Safety Strategy among stakeholders and the public. In particular explain Safe Systems and enrol the public into the Vision Zero objective.	DOT	Director - Road Safety, Research and Driver Education	Ongoing	TII/DOT/CCMA/LA's	22	11

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31	<p>Implement specific educational measures aimed at protecting vulnerable road users, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driver's obligation to drive in anticipation of vulnerable road users on the road, • Awareness of pedestrians including children and impaired pedestrians, • Safe crossing by pedestrians, • Safe overtaking of cyclists, • Avoidance of 'dooring', including promotion of 'Dutch reach', • Use of personal protection equipment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, • Awareness of blind spots on HGVs and buses, • Road users and workers at road works, • Care for young and older people, • Use of scooters and e-scooters, • Horse riders, and • The rules of the road. 	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annual	CCMA/LA's, AGS	133	9A/9B/9C/1 1/20

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32	Work with the Road Safety Working Together Group to actively engage with younger people to ensure their views are considered when determining policy and priority areas for road safety interventions. We will do this by recommending the inclusion of a youth representative on the Road Safety Working Together Group.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annual	Local RSTWG	92	
33	Implement public awareness campaigns on driver fatigue and highlight the dangers of sleep disorders such as Obstructive Sleep Apnoea Syndrome (OSAS).	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Ongoing			18/20
34	Promote an awareness campaign on the secure and safe transportation of animals (including pets) in vehicles/trailers.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Q4 2027	AGS	131	20
35	Raise awareness of the medical fitness to drive regulations to ensure full understanding and compliance in respect of drivers that have a drug and/or alcohol dependence.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Driver Testing & Licensing	Q4 2027		132	18/20

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36	Promote public education to support the safe use of e-scooters (micro mobility vehicles) on Irish roads, particularly for last-mile journeys.	Department of Transport, Road Safety Authority	DoT Principal, Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Ongoing	NTA	134	6/9A/9B/9C /11/20
37	Promote and support an expanded Cycle Right Programme which includes online theory and practical skills for children and adults.	Tipperary Sports Partnership	Co-ordinator of Tipperary Sports Partnership	Annual	TCC		
38	Promote an educational campaign on the safe use of junctions by all road users with a focus on driver interaction with cyclists.	National Transport Authority, Road Safety Authority	CEO NTA, Director Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Ongoing		135	9A/9B/9C/20
39	Promote the standardised guide to reducing road safety school gate risk.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Ongoing	CCMA/LA's/ DoT	136	1D/5C/9A/9B/9C/12/20
40	Promote a campaign targeting drivers to highlight the risks faced by Vulnerable Road Workers (School Wardens, Emergency Service Personnel, Construction workers etc).	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Q2 2023	Fire Service/ CCMA/LA's/TII	137	11/20

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41	Continue with a Road Safety Working Together Group to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at local level.	CCMA/LA's	Chief Executive	Ongoing	RSA/AGS/TII/ CFO representatives as required.	94	
42	Publish a Road Safety Action Plan and annual review on progress with implementation.	CCMA/LA's	Chief Executive	Annual	RSA/TII/CFO/ AGS representatives as required.	95	
43	Roll out a campaign for road users on how to interact with emergency service personnel including guidance on traffic control measures at the scene of a collision.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Ongoing	Fire Service/ AGS	138	7/9/11/20
44	Empower local community groups to strive for safer and more liveable streets in their locality by providing them with the tools, checklists and supports necessary to be proactive participants in road safety.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Ongoing	CCMA/LA	140	
45	Optimise https://www.rsa.ie as an educational hub for road users by leveraging digital customer engagement through effective social media marketing and digital platforms.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Corporate, Policy, Strategy & Technology	Annual	Stakeholders	149	

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46	Continued concentration on the enforcement of key lifesaver offences such as speeding, distracted driving, non-wearing of seatbelts, intoxicated driving and poor driver behaviour including activities designed to protect vulnerable road users.	An Garda Síochána	Commissioner of An Garda Síochána	Annual	RSA/CCMA/LA's/TII	16	
47	Maintain a dedicated Roads Policing capacity with focus on road safety within An Garda Síochána.	An Garda Síochána	Commissioner of An Garda Síochána	Annual	RSA/CCMA/LA's/TII	26	
48	Continue to enforce Road Traffic Legislation using the Safety Camera System and the Mobility App.	An Garda Síochána	Commissioner of An Garda Síochána	Annual		150	6B/6C

Safe System Priority Intervention Area: Post-crash response

Post-crash response concerns the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of road traffic collisions and aims to reduce the severity and consequences of injuries in the event of a collision.

This involves the use of efficient emergency notification systems, the safe and timely transportation of qualified medical personnel and the correct diagnosis and stabilisation of the patient at the scene. It also includes the safe transport of the patient to the most appropriate facility for treatment quality emergency room and trauma care, access to specialised rehabilitation services and supports for casualties' families.

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49	Complete LA16 Forms following fatal collisions.	TCC	District Engineer	Within 15 days of fatality occurring	AGS/DoT/RMO		12B
50	Continue to develop and promote Road Safety through our social media channels, targeting high risk groups.	RSA/TCC/AGS	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	21	20
51	Deliver Emergency Driving Standard Training to fire personnel.	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing	RSA	66	11
52	Continue to promote Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services' Blue Light Awareness Campaign.	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing		138	9A/9B/9C
53	Provide ongoing training to operational staff regarding RTC's.	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing		66	11

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54	Provide ongoing training/upskilling for EFR's (Emergency First Responders to respond to RTC's.)	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing		127	11

Safe System priority intervention area: safe and healthy modes of travel

Safe and healthy modes of travel acknowledges that there is a substantial difference in fatal and serious injury risks across different modes of travel.

It involves the promotion of the safer modes (e.g., public transport, such as bus and rail travel), and the promotion and provision of safe road environments for otherwise healthy, active modes. This includes walking and cycling, where the risks in the event of a collision are more serious than for in-vehicle road users.

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55	Continue to promote and resource the implementation of the annual Active Travel programme and optimise the available funding stream in tandem with the National Greenway Programme.	NTA/TII	NTA/TII/TCC/LGMA	Annually			1A/1B/11
56	Develop and promote a Cycle Network plan for Tipperary providing connections to active travel networks and Greenways.	TII/NTA/TCC	NTA	2027	TCC/TII	176	1A/1B

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57	Safe Routes to School Programme - continue the rollout of the Safe Routes to School Programme funded by the NTA in Co-operation with An Taisce.	TCC		Ongoing	NTA/An Taisce		1D/2/5C/12

Safe work-related use involves the planned, systematic safety management of work journeys on the roads, aiming to reduce the risk of death and serious injuries. It includes journeys made using publicly or privately owned or leased motor vehicles (including motorcycles), as well as cycling or walking.

It aims to ensure those driving for work have the training and resources to do so safely. It also involves the improvement of commercial vehicle enforcement measures and ensuring that employer road safety policies and vehicle safety standards are a key focus, including in procurement competitions.

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58	Engage with academic, business, civil society, and the insurance industry to promote road safety across all sectors of the community, including encouraging these entities to sign up to the European Road Safety Charter.	Road Safety Authority	Director - Road Safety, Research & Driver Education	Annual	Stakeholders	47	

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59	Implement any national intervention work-related road safety strategy, including the adoption of safe work and maintenance protocols and promoting a 'Driving for Work' standard.	TCC/TII/AGS/RSA		Ongoing		48	1/11/13/15/20
60	Target the promotion of road safety across all sectors of the community, including businesses.	TCC/TII/RSA		Annual			5/9/20