



Submission by the

Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland

On

N6 Galway Ring Road Motorway Scheme 2018 (Ref. 302885)

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Introduction

Coach Tourism and Transport Council

The Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland (CTTC) is the representative body for Ireland's coach touring companies and Ireland's private bus operators. The CTTC's members are experts in all types of coach hire and transport solutions, including: airport transfers, day tours, extended touring, incentive travel, golf tours, school transport and provision of scheduled services.

All CTTC members are family owned companies, with a combined fleet of over 1,500 coaches, employing over 3,500 people directly. The CTTC comments and makes representations regularly on matters of concern to its members such as public transport, school transport, the coach tourism sector and the tourist industry generally.

Opening Statement

The Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland (CTTC) welcome the opportunity to make this Submission on the proposal to An Bord Pleanála for a Galway City Ring Road Motorway Scheme. The current aggravated traffic congestion within the city and its environs has had a negative impact on the coach passenger industry, particularly in relation to increased journey times and the ability to deliver customer satisfaction and, in addition, is directly contributing to a negative experience by coach tourism clientele.

The introduction of a fit for purpose ring road with dedicated bus corridors would have the following beneficial impacts:-

1. Reduction in carbon emissions as dedicated bus corridors would improve the efficiency of public passenger transport, thereby encouraging a modal shift from private motorists to commute via public transport.

2. Increased usage of public passenger transport would lead to a significant reduction in private car volumes, thus reducing traffic congestion.
3. The above proposal would have the knock on effect of shortening travelling time for commuters, thus reducing their working day and by doing so improving their quality of life.
4. A reduction of traffic volumes as a result of the proposal, would reduce wear and tear on the arterial routes into the City.
5. The reduction in congestion and journey times as a result of the implementation of this Proposal, would encourage multi-national and small businesses into the area, who up to now have seen the ongoing congestion as a barrier to expansion in the area.

Conclusion

CTTC welcome the opportunity to make this Submission and look forward to liaising with and contributing to the design and implementation with the Statutory Bodies and other Stakeholders in designing a “Proposed Galway Ring Road” which will encompass all the requirements needed to ensure safe efficient, cost effective and environmentally friendly transport into the future.
