



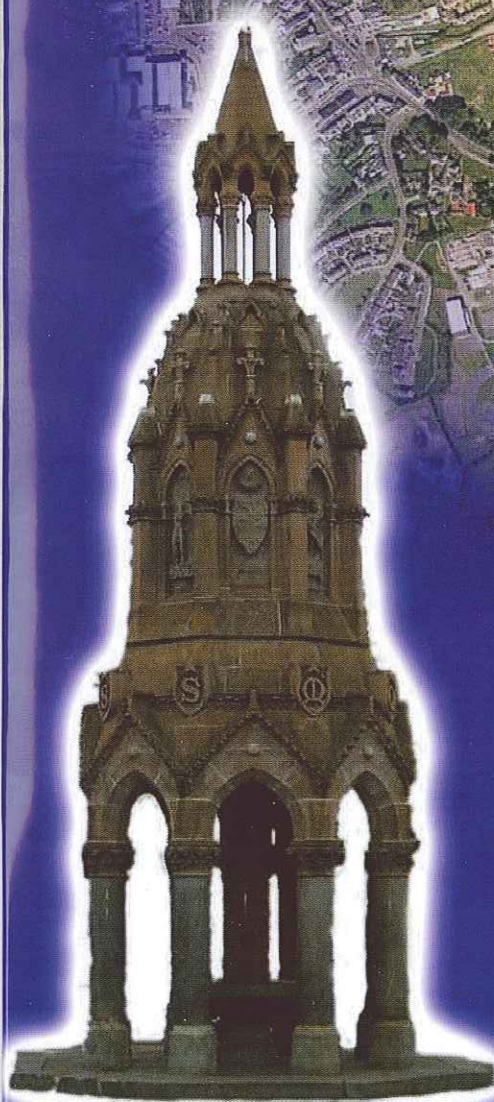
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N2 Monaghan Town Bypass *N2 Seachród Baile Mhuineacháin*

Officially opened by
PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER, T.D., Minister of State for Transport
25th September 2006



On my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Monaghan I am honoured to be associated with the official opening of the N2 Monaghan Town Bypass.

The town is the centre for the administrative, caring and business services, providing essential support and facilities for all the people of the county. This Bypass will present enhanced opportunities for further development and inward investment, with the ultimate aim of benefiting the local and wider community.

I wish all who travel on the bypass a safe journey.

Cllr. Padraig McNally
Mayor, Monaghan County Council



The opening of the Monaghan Bypass is another critical step in the development of the road infrastructure in the county. The completion of the bypasses for Monaghan, Carrickmacross and Castleblayney (currently under construction) will greatly improve accessibility to the County and to the Northwest region.

It will also provide opportunities for the further development of Monaghan Town which was designated as a hub town under the National Spatial Strategy.

The Project has been funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006 and part financed by the European Union Regional Development fund through the Department of Transport and the National Roads Authority. I would like to thank the Minister's officials, the officials in the National Roads Authority, our Consulting Engineers, the Council staff and the Contractor for their efforts in delivering this project which will provide many benefits for the whole county.

Mr. Declan Nelson
Monaghan County Manager and Monaghan Town Manager



In Co. Monaghan the overall investment in road infrastructure will prove beneficial for the entire region. In particular, the opening of the **N2 Monaghan Town Bypass** will serve as the main arterial cross border connection allowing for easier access to Dublin via the M1 motorway.

This project will improve the quality of life for residents of Monaghan by relieving the town of unnecessary through traffic. It will also generate more business and tourism opportunities by providing

easier access throughout the greater community. We will continue the work on behalf of the Irish government by investing in a safe and modern road network under Transport 21, thus maintaining our focus on the BMW region.

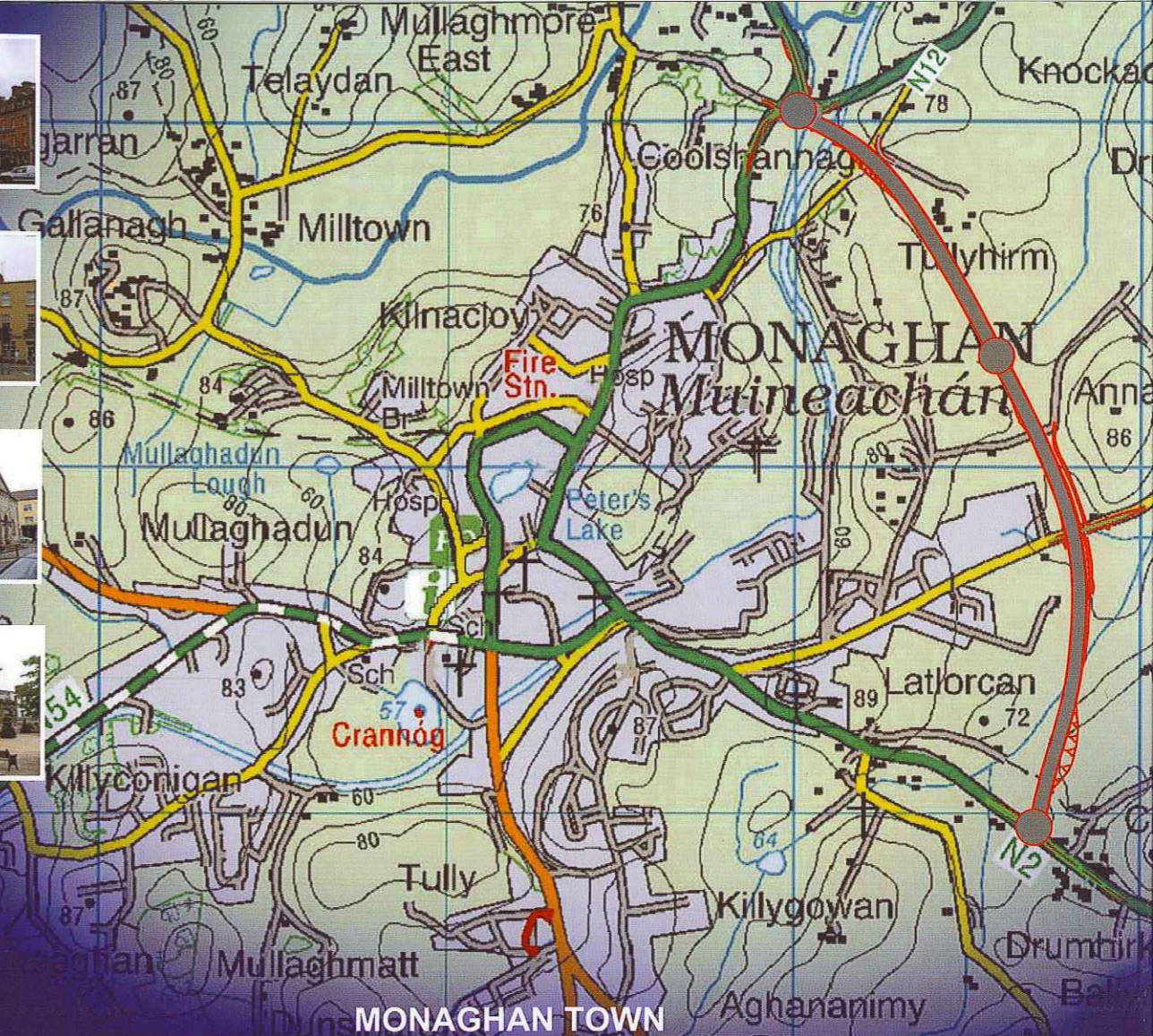
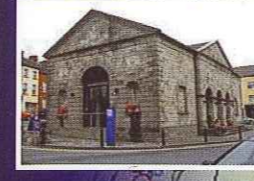
Mr. Peter Malone
Chairman, National Roads Authority



On behalf of the European Commission I welcome the opening of this new bypass of Monaghan Town on this Trans-European Road Network of the N2. The project will provide numerous benefits to the national and local economy, and will facilitate the efficient movement of cross-border business and tourism traffic, as well the communities living on the N2.

The Commission is pleased to have co-financed the project through the European Regional Development Fund.

Mrs. Danuta Hübner
Commissioner for Regional Policy



Monaghan is steeped in history and has a rich cultural heritage. The town is a classic cross roads formed by the North-South N2 serving Dublin and Derry, and the East to West N54/N12 serving Clones, the West and Belfast.

Along with the other border counties, Monaghan is thriving in the current peaceful climate. The Monaghan Town bypass will add to this growth; improving essential transport and communication links by opening up land for development and providing much needed quality employment opportunities for the entrepreneurial people of Monaghan.

MAJOR INVESTMENT IN MONAGHAN COUNTY

The Monaghan Town bypass is a milestone National Development Plan investment, part funded by the European Union through the Department of Transport and the National Roads Authority. It will transform transport infrastructure in the County.

The Monaghan Town bypass is first phase of the overall Monaghan to Emyvale Road Realignment Project. Phase 2 will realign a further 11km, extending from the Monaghan Town Bypass to Lenagh, just north of Emyvale. The entire project will be complete when the N54 link between Coolshannagh and the N54 Scotstown Junction is constructed.

Monaghan Town bypass is a significant upgrade of the N2/A5 Dublin-Derry route. The Monaghan Town bypass, the Carrickmacross bypass which was opened in January 2005 and the N2 Clontibret to Castleblayney Road Realignment due to open in August 2007 are all objectives of the NDP 2000 - 2006 which lists the improvement of the N2 Dublin - Derry route as a major objective.

The Monaghan Town to Dublin realignment will be complete when the Clontibret to Castleblayney Road realignment is opened in 2007.



THE ULSTER CANAL

The future regeneration of the Ulster Canal has been safeguarded by bridging over the old line of the canal. This will ensure that transport and commerce on the N2 will not be disrupted during renovation of the Canal.



TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

When the bypass opens a large number of local commuters and at least 3,500 long-haul trips, many of which are heavy goods vehicles, will use the bypass on a daily basis. This will result in a journey time saving of up to 10 minutes at peak times on journeys through Monaghan Town. Pedestrian safety and comfort will be greatly improved in the town.



LANDOWNERS

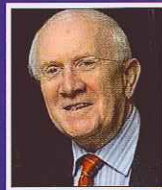
The scheme could not have proceeded to this stage without the co-operation of the landowners. Over 50 landowners were affected by the 24 hectares of land acquired for the scheme.



ARCHAEOLOGY

Five areas of archaeological interest were uncovered during the excavation works. These include a possible field blessing/cooking pit and evidence of post-medieval activity. All archaeological sites were fully excavated prior to construction of the bypass, causing no delay to the works.

A message from Pat the Cope Gallagher T.D.



It is of vital importance that we continue to deliver on important road projects throughout the border midlands region. The N2 Monaghan Town Bypass delivers on the promise to improve the quality of life for residents by removing unnecessary traffic and offering easier contact for businesses throughout the entire community. Drivers who use the N2 on a daily basis will enjoy the advantages of the bypass, enhancing access to the Northwest with travel times becoming more certain. The completed project is testimony to our sustained progress under Transport 21.

*Pat the Cope Gallagher, T.D.
Minister of State for Transport*

Project Statistics

- 300,000m³ Material Excavated
- 3,000m³ Concrete
- 30,000 tonnes Asphalt/Macadam
- 7.5km Drainage Pipes
- 26km Ducting
- 3.5km Watermain
- 2.5km Safety Barrier



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