



Limerick City and County Council appoints Barry Transportation and its project partners WSP and Sweco for N/M20 Cork to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme

Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with Cork County Council, Cork City Council, Tipperary County Council, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland are developing the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Road Improvement Scheme. Limerick City and County Council, as lead authority have appointed Barry Transportation, and its project partners WSP and Sweco, as Technical Advisors to progress the planning and design for the scheme.

The scheme will see the partners deliver planning and design services for a high-quality road connecting Cork and Limerick. This will be a flagship project for Limerick City and County Council, Cork County Council, Cork City Council, Tipperary County Council, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland with a 'digital by default' approach to design and operation.

Conn Murray, Chief Executive at Limerick City and County Council, said: *"This project is identified in Project Ireland 2040 National Development Plan as a major enabler for balanced regional development by substantially delivering the Atlantic Corridor, with a high quality road network linking Cork, Limerick and Galway."*

Limerick City and County Council welcome the appointment of Barry Transportation and their project partners WSP and Sweco as Technical Advisors. Together with our partners in Cork County Council, Cork City Council, Tipperary County Council, Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, we are committed to delivering this major national infrastructural project."

"We are delighted to be working with Limerick City and County Council on the planning process for this vital arterial route, which will improve journey times and journey time reliability between Cork and Limerick" says Liam Prendiville, Director at Barry Transportation.

"With Cork and Limerick being the second and third largest urban areas in Ireland, links between both cities are currently very limited and not fit for purpose", says Frank Delaney, Director in Highways at WSP. *"This road improvement scheme will strengthen economic links between these cities."*

John Nolan, Operation Director at Sweco, said: *"As well as being a significant piece of infrastructure, this project is set to enable the development of a Cork-Limerick 'twin city' region, delivering significant social and community benefits, improving productivity and enabling the creation of thousands of new jobs. Our partnership will see us roll out the latest in planning technology, collaborating to help unlock the full potential of the region."*

The concept and feasibility phase (Phase 1) of the planning and design will commence this month, with Barry Transportation, WSP and Sweco, providing all engineering, environmental, economic and appraisal services required to deliver the project through the planning and design phases.

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About Barry Transportation

Barry Transportation is an indigenous Irish firm of engineering consultants specialising in the development of our road infrastructure. We have over the last 19 years developed organically a large team of well qualified, very experienced and competent Engineers and Project Managers, located regionally in our offices in Castlebar, Dublin and Cork.

For the N/M20 we build on our extensive infrastructure experience such as the N17/N18 Gort to Tuam PPP, the M11 Gory to Enniscorthy Improvement Scheme, M3 Clonee to Kells Motorway, N5 Ballaghaderreen Bypass and major works in the Munster area such as the N22 Tralee Bypass, the M8 Cashel to Mitchelstown and the M8 Fermoy Bypass.

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About WSP

WSP is one of the world's leading engineering professional services consulting firms. We are dedicated to our local communities and propelled by international brainpower. We are technical experts and strategic advisors including engineers, technicians, scientists, architects, planners, surveyors and environmental specialists, as well as other design, program and construction management professionals. We design lasting solutions in the Property & Buildings, Transportation & Infrastructure, Environment, Industry, Resources (including Mining and Oil & Gas) and Power & Energy sectors as well as project delivery and strategic consulting services.

With 7,800 talented people in Ireland and UK and more than 48,000 globally, we engineer projects that will help societies grow for lifetimes to come. WSP has been involved in many high-profile projects including the Shard, Crossrail, the London Olympic & Paralympic Route Network and major road schemes in Ireland including the A1/N1 Newry Dundalk Link Road, the A5 Western Transport Corridor (Derry to the border), M17 Galway to Tuam, M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy, M8 Fermoy to Mitchelstown and Mitchelstown Relief Road.

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About Sweco

Sweco plans and designs tomorrow's communities and cities. Our work produces sustainable buildings, efficient infrastructure and access to electricity and clean water. With 15,000 employees in Europe, we offer our customers the right expertise for every situation. We carry out projects in 70 countries annually throughout the world. Sweco is Europe's leading engineering and architecture consultancy, with sales of approximately €1.8 billion. The company, which established its office in Cork in 2017 is delivering a portfolio of multidisciplinary work across the transportation, energy, environment and asset management sectors.

Sweco has extensive previous experience on the development major road infrastructure in Ireland having provided planning and design services on projects such as the M8 Cashel to Mitchelstown, the M8 Fermoy Bypass, the M3 Clonee to Kells Motorway and Phase 1 of the M50 Upgrade project.

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