



Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council

## Public Transport Feasibility Study: Have Your Say!

Galway City Council has appointed MVA Consultancy to examine the feasibility of public transportation options including Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail and Park and Ride facilities for Galway City.



**The objective of the study** is to demonstrate the type(s) and extent of public transport measures required to support the sustainable development of the City and its environs.

The study will consider the phased implementation of public transport improvements and a package of supporting infrastructure measures, which will assess the potential

benefits of all modes of travel that may be capable of catering for the demands of the city and its environs up to 2030.

The study builds on the previous work and will incorporate the wealth of information now available from the 2006 census. It will adopt a holistic approach in its examination of all public transport related options.

### Study Stages

The study includes some key stages that follow a baseline review, these are:

- The development of a multi-modal transportation model for Galway;
- The development and appraisal of options;
- An outline of the engineering feasibility;
- An economic and financial appraisal; and
- Integration of options with existing transport provisions.

### Consultation is a key element of the project

Consultation including information in the local press and workshops with key stakeholders is a key element to the success of the project. To this

end, Galway Transportation Unit is seeking your views regarding public transport provision for Galway city and its environs.

The study team has noted that a number of infrastructural improvements have already been put in place that include the allocation of new buses, the delivery of new trains serving Galway and current construction of sections of the Western Rail corridor. Some of the issues that have been identified so far include:

- Traffic congestion approaching the city
- Dispersed nature of the population outside of Galway city and related dispersed trip origins and high reliance on the car
- A perception that public transport is not sufficiently reliable with long waits
- The high number of trips generated by key employment areas such as Ballybrit and Parkmore
- Single track rail system into the city constraining higher service levels into the city at peak times
- Limited integrated public transport information

### **Your viewpoint is important**

- What do you think is good and bad about public transport in Galway today?
- Do you have a specific transport issue that you want to tell us about?
- Do you think that there are other issues that we should consider?
- What would encourage you to use public transport?

Please get in touch and let us know your thoughts:

**By letter to:** Galway Transportation Unit, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway or

**By e-mail to:** [gtu@galwaycity.ie](mailto:gtu@galwaycity.ie)

The closing date for receipt of submissions is Monday April 6, 2009 at 12.00 noon.

