

Progress During 2011

Benefits

- Upgraded crossing facilities for pedestrians at N6 junctions.
- Improved infrastructure and amenity for cyclists.
- Improved road safety for all road users on the N6 corridor, particularly pedestrians and cyclists.
- Reduced traffic congestion at some junctions and maintaining the existing level of service at the remaining junctions.
- More control over traffic via the proposed Urban Traffic Control System to be put in place by Galway City Council to help reduce traffic congestion in the City Centre.
- Health benefits through increased active travel.
- Improved urban environment along the N6, especially for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Reduced public transport journey times.



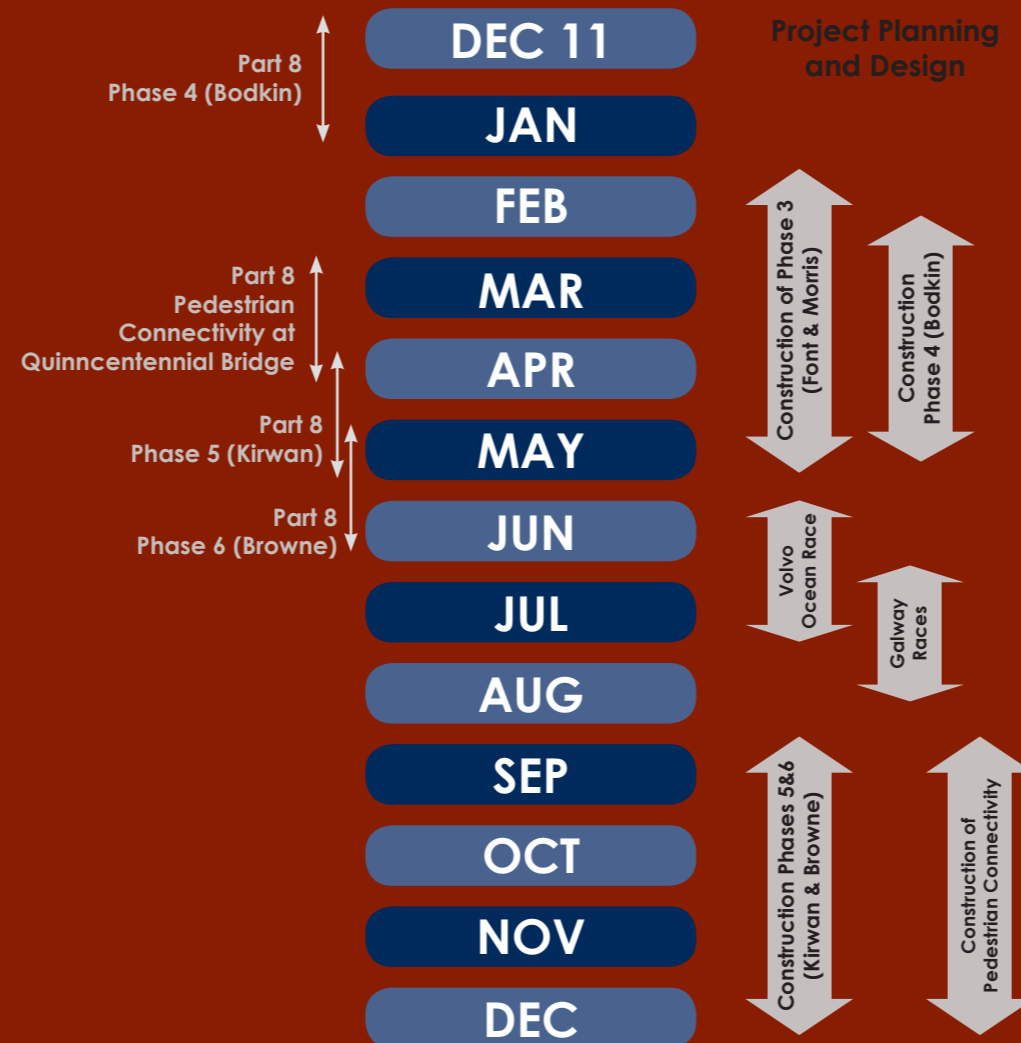
- The allocation made available in 2011 facilitated a quick start to the project.
- Phase 1 of the project (improvements to the Newcastle Road Junction) were completed in the Autumn.
- Phase 2 of the project (Lynch) passed through the planning process in the summer and construction was completed on time and to budget in December. Journey times & delays through the junction have been significantly reduced.
- Phase 3 (Font & Morris junctions) passed through the planning process in the Autumn and construction tenders were received in December.
- The delivery plan for 2012 is shown below, with major construction works scheduled to avoid the Volvo Ocean Race and the Galway Races.



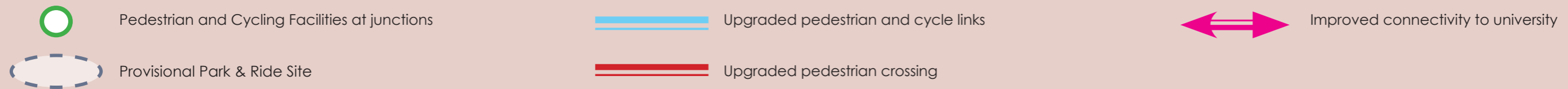
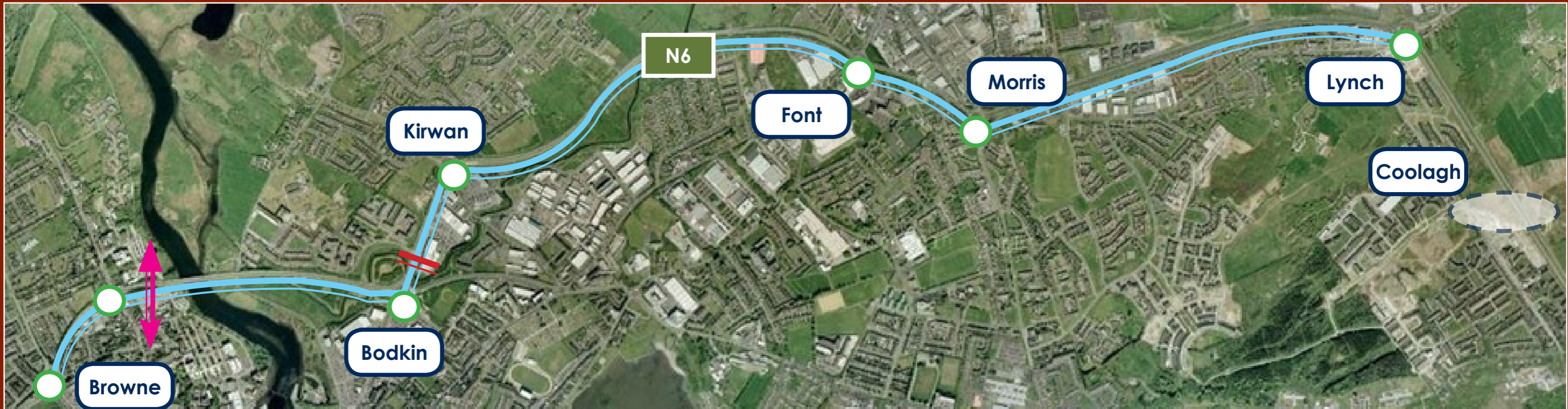
Bothar Na dTreabh (N6) Multi-Modal Corridor Improvement Scheme

Update February 2012

2012 Project Delivery Plan



Proposals Currently Being Assessed And Prioritised For Delivery



Background

- Recent transportation studies have highlighted the barrier to walking and cycling which roundabouts on the N6 Bothar na dTreabh present. The roundabouts experience very high traffic volumes and offer little or no facility for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The National Roads Authority have designated funding in 2011 and 2012 to Galway City Council for improvements to the N6, specifically to improve accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. The NRA funding is part of a national scheme to upgrade facilities for vulnerable road users on national roads in urban areas.
- Work is currently underway to design and prioritise schemes for delivery in 2012.



Existing Issues

- Although 24% of Galway City's residents live less than 2km from their workplace, 64% of residence travel to work each day by car.
- The N6 corridor is heavily car dominated and carries a Daily Traffic Flow of 50,000 vehicles.
- Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists along the corridor are minimal resulting in hazardous conditions for these vulnerable road users.
- There is currently no public transport priority on the N6, this means public transport offers a poor alternative to driving.
- Traffic movement on the N6 is through large and busy roundabouts, this means there is very little control over traffic movements and little potential to help alleviate congestion in the City.

Proposed Improvements

- Existing roundabouts on the N6 will be upgraded to signalised junctions and incorporate facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Improvements to facilitate future public transport upgrades will also be made.
- Pedestrian and cycle paths along the N6 will be upgraded to provide a high quality amenity;
- Galway City Council will introduce an Urban Traffic Control System to improve traffic movement on the N6 and within the City Centre.

Objectives

- Ensure the national road network within Galway protects and supports growth of the regional economy.
- Reduce the environmental impact of transport in Galway City.
- Facilitate and encourage the use of sustainable travel modes.
- Ensure future development of the N6 is integrated with a shared vision for future development of the public transport network.
- Promote integration of walking and cycling links.
- To ensure future development of the N6 is integrated with proposals for upgrading the local and regional road network.
- Improve road safety for all road users on the N6 links and junctions within Galway City.
- Improve access to Galway's vital social infrastructure such as schools, third level institutions, hospitals and large employment areas.