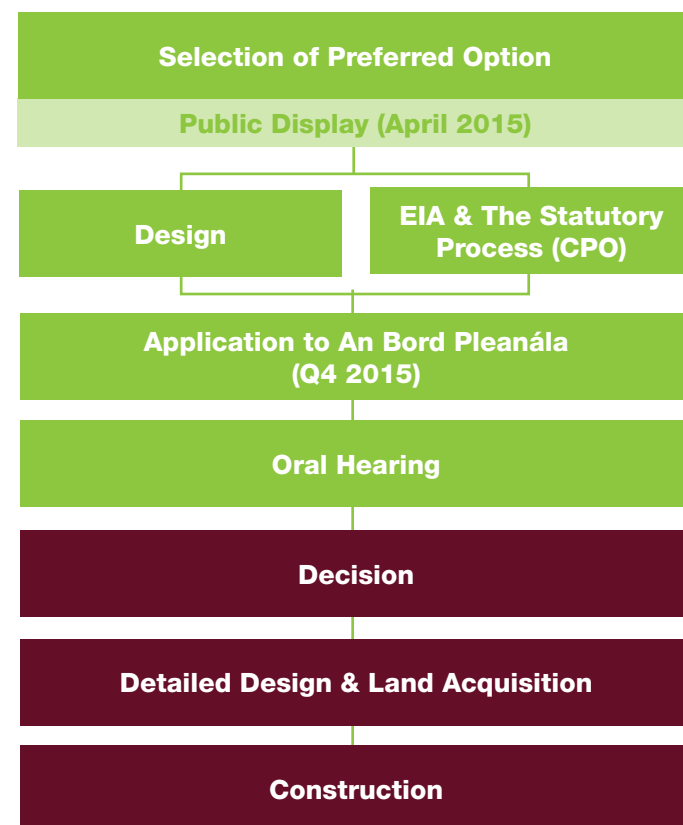




## What Happens Next?

- Following this public consultation, the questions received from the public will be processed and incorporated into the options selection study.
- Options will be reviewed and revised where necessary.
- An Options Selection Report will be published, recommending the preferred option.



**If you are unable to attend the public consultation exhibition the proposals may be viewed by appointment at the address below until 27 February 2015.**

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## Introduction

The overall aim of the N6 Galway City Transport Project is to develop a sustainable solution to the congestion issues that exist in Galway City and to better connect the west of County Galway to the national road network.

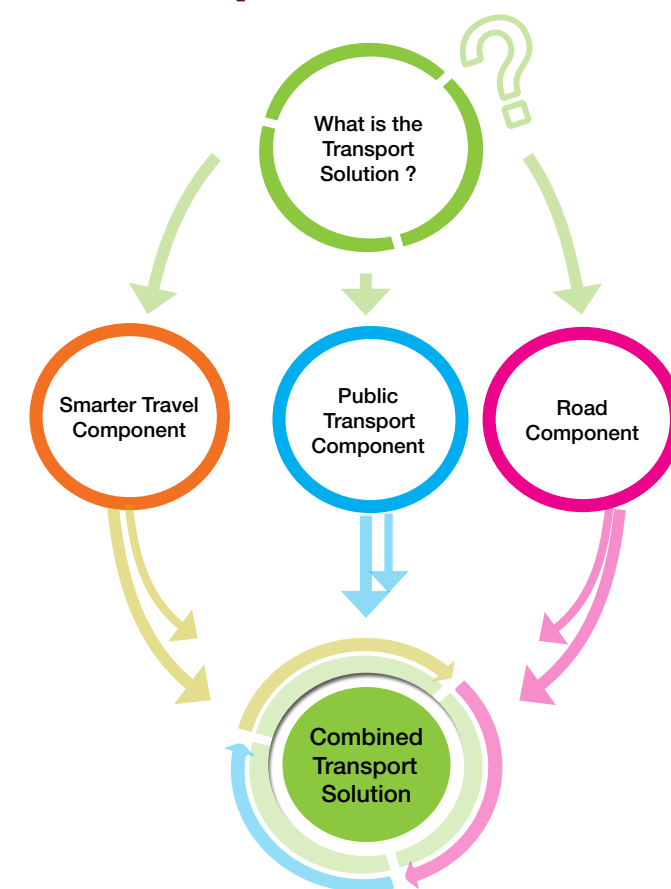
A key driver for the project is to minimise the impact to the natural and built environment. Galway City is fortunate indeed in its location on the River Corrib as it flows between Lough Corrib and Galway Bay. Lough Corrib forms a natural division between the east and west of County Galway and the distance between Lough Corrib and Galway Bay is only 4km within which lies Galway City, very much at the heart of County Galway. In addition to a beautiful location with fantastic natural amenities the city is located in the middle of areas which are rich in natural heritage with a wealth of natural habitats. This has resulted in significant areas around Galway City being included in designations of international importance.

The physical form of the city, together with the limited available space between the lake and the bay, plus the presence of the designated sites presents significant constraints for developing new infrastructure for the city. The presence of the designated sites focuses attention on the importance of considering all alternatives in order to minimise the impact on the designated sites.

The objective of this phase is to identify a suitable study area within which alternatives are examined, to identify key constraints within this study area, to develop feasible solutions and to carry out a systematic assessment of these options leading to the selection of a preferred option or transportation solution, which will form the basis of the detailed design to follow.

The purpose of this public consultation is to inform members of the public of the results of the comprehensive constraints study and the various transport solutions considered. Alternatives have been developed which include consideration of public transport, smarter travel and road capacity as possible components of a solution. It also facilitates the public an opportunity to input to this process.

## Possible Components of the Transport Solution



Possible Smarter Travel of the Transport Solution



What Are Smarter Travel Initiatives?



Cycling and Walking

- Bearna Greenway
- Moycullen Greenway
- Canal Greenway
- Dublin Greenway
- Oranmore Greenway
- Merlin Park Greenway
- Terryland Forest Park
- Bearna Woods
- Eyre Square Pedestrianisation
- Shared Spaces
- Health Benefits

Public Transport

- Significant improvements to the public transport network of Galway City
- 12% growth in passengers on Bus Eireann Services in Galway in 2014
- Introduction of bus corridors
- Improvements to bus facilities
- Introduction of real time information

Technology

- Integrated ticketing systems
- Automated bus corridors
- City wide traffic management systems
- Real time passenger information

Stakeholder Engagement

- Community involvement
- Workplace involvement
- Policy initiatives
- On-going process, your opinion counts

Reducing Demand

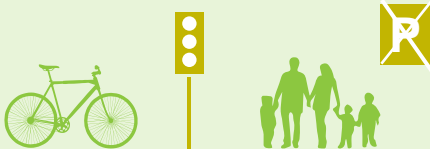
- Integrated Spatial and Transport planning
- Reliable and user friendly transportation alternatives
- Encourage walking and cycling

Aims of Smarter Travel

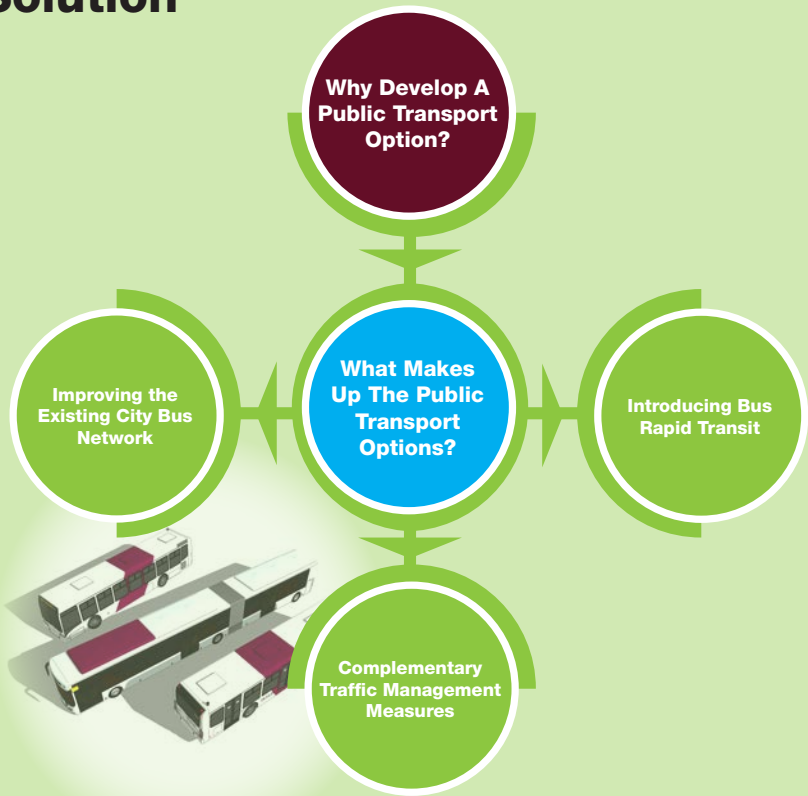
- Reducing congestion
- Reducing emissions
- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels
- Protecting the environment

Key Benefits

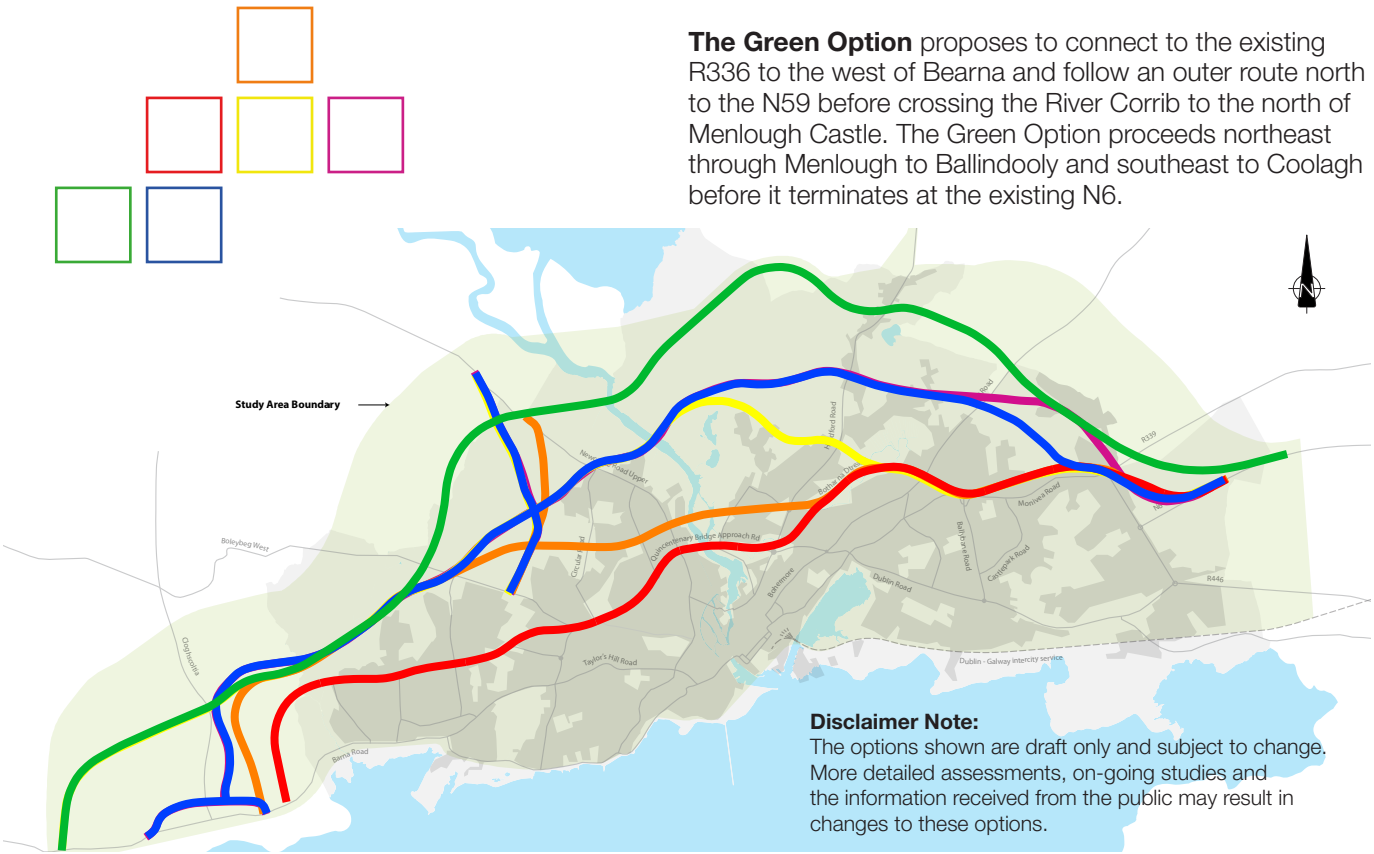
- Community involvement and initiatives
- Wellbeing
- Better / Improved quality of life
- Reduction in health risks



Possible Public Transport Component of the Transport Solution



Possible Road Component of the Transport Solution



The various road options all connect the R336 on the west of the city to the existing N6 on the east of the city, utilising different corridors which vary in the extent to which the existing road infrastructure is reused. The options are colour coded for reference and whilst all are uniquely assessed, there are sections of each that may overlap with another option.

**The Green Option** proposes to connect to the existing R336 to the west of Bearna and follow an outer route north to the N59 before crossing the River Corrib to the north of Menlough Castle. The Green Option proceeds northeast through Menlough to Ballindooly and southeast to Coolagh before it terminates at the existing N6.

**The Blue Option** proposes completion of the Bearna Relief Road. It would then connect to the proposed new road to the north of Knocknacarra and continue on to Dangan, before crossing the River Corrib midway between the existing Quincentenary Bridge and Lough Corrib. It crosses through the townland of Castlegar and Ballybrit before joining the existing N6 at Coolagh.

**The Red Option** proposes a new link road from the existing R336 to the east of Bearna to the existing Western Distributor Road and then reuses the existing road network along the R338 and N6. This option is closest to the city and involves cut and cover tunnels/bridges to create a two-tier system whereby the national traffic is segregated from the local road network.

**The Orange Option** is similar to the Red Option as far as the connection to the Western Distributor Road, and then follows the Blue Option to the N59 Junction. It then utilises a bored tunnel to connect from the Letteragh area on the west to the Terryland area on the east, before rejoining the Red Option at Terryland.

**The Yellow Option** is similar to the Blue Option as far as Menlough. The Yellow Option then proceeds southeast to connect to the Red Option at Castlegar.

**The Pink Option** is similar to the Blue Option, varying only at Ballybrit.

There is a link road associated with the Blue, Orange, Yellow and Pink Options, the N59 Link, which connects the N59 and Bóthar Stiofáin with this proposed option.