

Clonee - North of Kells Motorway **News**

**Traffic Management & Temporary Diversions**

Road closures and temporary diversions are ongoing with 22km of side roads open to date. During the coming period, three roundabouts will be constructed on the Kells Bypass section of the project. The Ardee Road (N52) roundabout is currently under construction and will be completed by mid March. This will be followed by the Virginia Road Roundabout (N3) and finally the Moynalty Road Roundabout (R164). The latter will involve a road closure of two weeks on the Moynalty Road (R164) in late March. The twin roundabouts on the Mullingar Road (N52) out of Kells will be completed in April 09.

Unfortunately with the progression of the works, impacting on traffic during construction is unavoidable. Regular meetings are held with the authorities and third parties to discuss traffic management plans in an effort to minimise disruption.

Other diversions are planned in the coming months, details of which are below. These details are updated regularly on the M3 web site [www.eurolink-m3.ie](http://www.eurolink-m3.ie) for commuters that are planning to travel in the area in the coming months.

EuroLink M3 appreciates that these diversions can be inconvenient to road users however they are essential in constructing the works. Every effort is being made to minimize these disruptions.

Name of Road	Type of Traffic Management	Time Period
Merrywell Roundabout (R154)	Traffic lights in operation	8 weeks, works programmed to be completed by May
Castlefarm Roundabout (R157) Dunboyne	Traffic lights in operation	3 weeks, works programmed to be completed by May
Raynestown Lane	Road Closure	2 weeks in May 09
Trim Rd (R161) Navan	Traffic lights in operation in April/May	6 weeks
Ardsallagh Road	Traffic lights for 3 weeks followed by a 3 week road closure	Road closure will occur in August 09
Ballybatter Road, Navan	Road Closure ongoing	Road programmed to reopen in July 09
Ardee Road (N52) Kells	Traffic lights in operation	4 weeks, works programmed to be completed by May
Virginia Road (N3) Kells	Traffic lights in operation	4 weeks, works programmed to be completed by June
Moynalty Road (R164) Kells	Traffic lights for 3 weeks followed by a 2 week road closure	Works programmed to be completed by mid July

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Quarterly news on the Clonee-North of Kells M3 Motorway



**MILESTONES FOR THE PPP SCHEME**

Contract Award ..... 27th March 2007  
Design and Construction commenced on 27th April 2007  
Completion Date ..... July 2010

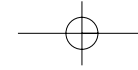
**Construction Progress**

Despite some of the worst weather recorded for a number of years the M3 motorway remains on course to open in July 2010.

Progress from November of last year saw the opening of a 1 km stretch of the N3 at Blundelstown between Navan & Dunshaughlin, which is part of one of the motorways interchanges.

Of the programmed works in the coming period M3JV are anticipating the opening of the Athboy Link Road which runs parallel to the existing Athboy Road out of Navan. Some minor disruption is anticipated during the tie-in works to the old N51.

Roundabouts at Merrywell on the R154 Trim Rd outside Dunshaughlin and on the N52 Ardee Road out of Kells are currently under construction. Completion of Merrywell Roundabout will see the opening of the Dunshaughlin Link Road which links the R154 to the N3 bypassing Drumree.



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One of the largest structures on the project commenced in December 2008. Structure 19, the crossing of the River Boyne at Ballinteer, is a 3 span composite structure. Works are currently concentrated on the foundations with the steelwork being fabricated off site. The delivery and erection of the main structural beams is planned for the summer 2009, this will see the structure take shape.



Artistic impression of Structure 19

Progress on the Dunboyne Link Road has been hampered due to the weather. There is a significant amount of fill material required at the Pace Interchange and this can only be placed in fair weather. With the planned introduction of the Dunboyne Commuter Railway station the scope of works on the Dunboyne Link Road has increased to include a new roundabout to provide access to this station. Nevertheless it is anticipated that this Link Road will be opened in the summer months. This will provide a significant reduction in traffic volumes through the town of Dunboyne.

## Minister Dempsey visits the M3 site



In January, Minister for Transport T.D. Mr. Noel Dempsey visited the M3 site for a second time. During the visit, Jose Tamariz, CEO of Eurolink M3 Ltd, expressed satisfaction on the good progress achieved throughout the project. (seen above discussing the layout of the Pace Interchange with Minister Dempsey)

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### Quality Assurance and Testing

A Quality Management System has been put in place to ensure the highest quality and standards. This system controls the processes and procedures involved with the supervision and management of every aspect of the scheme including Procurement, Design, Construction, Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental.

Method Statements and Inspection and Test Plans are compiled for each operation prior to commencement of the works detailing how the works are to be carried out in a safe and controlled manner and what testing requirements need to be implemented.

Materials are sampled and tested on a regular basis at the two on site independent testing laboratories. As well as the testing of the materials on site, checks and inspections are carried out and recorded for each element of the works. Other materials produced off site such as Pre-cast Bridge Beams are also inspected prior to arrival on site.

Testing and inspection records are thoroughly analysed through internal and external audits carried out by Eurolink (the concessionaire company) and Meath Consult (Site Representatives of the National Roads Authority).



Section of M3 Motorway constructed up to within 45mm of the surface layer.

