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Programmed works for the coming months.

Work on the scheme is progressing at a steady pace. The next earthworks season, weather dependent, will see the completion of the bulk earthworks activities. Works will also commence on the paving of the mainline with up to 10km of paving anticipated within the next 3 months.

The next 3 months will see the commencement of the two largest structures on the project the crossing of the Boyne River at Ardsallagh and the crossing of the Blackwater at Derver.

With the Fairyhouse/Pace diversions planned to take place soon, work on the Pace interchange can start in earnest. The completion of this interchange together with the associated works on the new Dunboyne bypass will allow this section of the works to be opened by the end of the year.

North near Kells, blasting works at Kilmainham are planned this spring. All associated safety measures have been put in place, further liaison with all interested parties will be instigated prior to works commencing.

To progress the works further traffic diversions are planned for the coming periods and these are listed below.

Traffic Management & Temporary Diversions

A number of diversions have been put in place to facilitate the construction works. The Ratoath link road diversion is phase one of a four phase diversion programme which will enable the construction of the Pace interchange and the mainline at Clonee. Traffic has been diverted at Blundelstown which will allow the construction of the Blundelstown interchange. The Bohermeen Road and Ballybeg Roads have been closed to allow the construction of new over-bridges. Works are progressing well with the former road closure expected to be open in late April and the later in mid July. Woodpole Road has also been closed to allow the construction of the underpass at this location. This route is expected to be re-opened in early April.

The construction team appreciates that these diversions can be inconvenient to road users but are essential in constructing the works. Every effort is being made to minimize these disruption.

Name of Road	Type of Traffic Management	Time Period
Pace to Blackbull	Diversion of Traffic	Commencing 14/02/08
Kennedy Road Dunboyne (L2216)	Road Closure	28/04/08 to 28/05/08
Blundelstown Temporary Diversion	Diversion of Traffic	Commencing 08/02/08
Cannistown Road	Road Closure	Commencing in late May and will last for 2 weeks
Ballybatter Road	Road Closure	Commencing July 2008 and will last 6 months
Boyerstown Road	Road Closure	Road will be closed for 2 days, namely the 14th & 15/02/08
Bohermeen Road	Road Closure	Road due to reopen on the 18/04/08
Durhamstown Road	Road Closure	Commencing on 16/06/08 and will last for 2 weeks
Phoenixstown Road	Road Closure	Commencing in July 2008 and will last 6 months
Ballybeg Road	Road Closure	Road to reopen in late June 2008
Woodpole Road	Road Closure	Road due to reopen on the 19/05/08
Cookstown Road	Road Closure	Road closure to commence in late May, and will last for 2 weeks

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Quarterly news on the Clonee - North Kells (M 3) Motorway Project

Progress on the last months

To facilitate the management of the Works, the project has been organized into four sections, a dedicated team supervises each section. Section 1 is from Clonee to Roestown, section 2 from Roestown to Kilcarn, section 3 from Kilcarn to Kilmainham and section 4 from Kilmainham to Carnaross.

Works have been progressing well with approximately 95% of the boundary fencing erected and the site clearance substantially complete. This period has seen a number of environmental measures being put in place to minimize the impact of the motorway on the environment. The construction team have employed a team consisting of Environmental Scientists, Hydrogeologists and Specialist Ecologists to implement the conditions and stipulations of the Environmental Impact Statement and to promote an environmentally sustainable approach to the construction of the M3 Motorway. An Environmental Operating Plan is in place for the project with the goal of minimizing impacts during construction.

General environmental measures include but are not limited to the following

Ground and Surface water quality monitoring is currently being undertaken along the route. Dust Suppression and monitoring is in place at sensitive locations. Noise and Vibration Monitoring at sensitive locations is being implemented. Intensive monitoring of site clearance and watercourses is ongoing with continuing support from various state agencies, in particular the Eastern Regional Fisheries Board, The Office of Public Works and the Parks and Wildlife Service.

Specific Ecological Measures are also in place paying particular attention to such matters as :

- ✓ Felling of Bat Roosts under license and under the supervision of Bat specialists. Replacement of Bat Habitats with the installation of numerous Bat Boxes along the route.
- ✓ Installation of mammal underpasses to provide ecological corridors to promote biodiversity across the route.
- ✓ Relocation of Badgers under license and supervised by Badger Specialists. Artificial Badger Sets have been constructed in sensitive locations throughout the site.
- ✓ Erection of mammal proof fencing to prevent animals straying onto the finished motorway.
- ✓ Translocation of Trout and Salmon undertaken by Eastern Regional Fisheries Board at locations where river and stream diversions are necessary.

Approximately 2/3 of the whole site has been stripped of topsoil and bulk earthworks are underway in all sections. Despite one of the worst summers on record a significant amount of work has been achieved. The headline achievements are as follows.

- ✓ 2.5 million m3 of clay shifted (70%)
- ✓ 24 structures underway (35%)
- ✓ All piped culverts completed (100%)
- ✓ 35 box culverts installed (50%)
- ✓ Pre cast underpasses commenced (10%)



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Aerial view of Pace to Blackbull link road running parallel to the existing N3



Schools Programme

The construction team has been visiting schools in the area. The initiative "play safe stay safe" has been instigated by the Construction Federation Industry and is centred around informing children of the dangers of construction sites. The photograph below is from a recent visit to Carnaross primary school. Talks have been received well from both teachers and pupils alike. Should further schools be interested in receiving this talk please contact the Contractor's office in Dunshaughlin, contact details below.

With the increased activity on-site over the next period, we would request that parents be vigilant with regards to young children playing in or around the site particularly at weekends and during holidays. Unfortunately sites can be strangely attractive to children as play areas despite fencing and barriers etc and they are not aware of the dangers and hazards. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Minister Dempsey visits the M3



Last 25th January, Minister of Transport T.D. Mr. Noel Dempsey visited the M3 Clonee to North of Kells project. Mr. Peter Malone, Chairman of the National Roads Authority was explaining to him the good progress of the works.

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Introduction

In November 2005, EUROLINK MOTORWAY OPERATIONS (M3) LTD a consortium formed by Cintra Concesiones de Infraestructuras de Transporte, S.A. ("Cintra") and SIAC Construction Ltd. ("SIAC"), was selected as 'Provisional Preferred Tendered' to develop the M3 Clonee to North of Kells Scheme ("The Project") in Ireland.

In September 2006, the consortium successfully tendered for the Project. The contract was signed on 7th March 2007. The Project forms part of the National Primary Route Network providing a strategic link between Dublin and the Northwest, with connections to Clonee, Dunshaughlin, Navan, Kells and Cavan.

As part of its general mandate to a efficient network of national roads, Government's overall road develop National Development Plan ("NDP") ("NRA") has developed the Clonee Private Partnership ("PPP").

The Project is one of the schemes programme that has been identified

The Project

- Introduction
- Route description
- Benefits of M3 Motorway
- Progress / Programme
- Map

New Website

The project website is now up and running. The public can access the site on www.eurolink-m3.ie to check out on progress, find out more detail about the project and the participating parties, traffic management, etc.

In addition to accessing useful links comments can be made on the project and queries in relation to the construction work can be sent electronically for attention. It is hoped that the site will be of interest and helpful to the public.

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