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Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 3rd December 2020, Training Room, Room 128, Buvinda House, Navan at 3.30 pm (by Zoom)

Attendees – (Councillors): Cllrs T Golden, P Meade, G O’Connor, N French, P McCabe, S Tolan, M Gallagher, W Harding, E Tóibín.

Attendees – (Sectoral Representatives): G Clarke, A Watson

Apologies: Cllrs A Smith, D Geraghty-Smith,
J Curran, D Hughes

(Officials): D Foley, N Whyatt, D McGowan, M Finnegan, M Farrell, J Young

Item	Discussion / Action
1.0	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September 2020 were approved. Proposed by Cllr N French and seconded by Cllr M Gallagher
2.0	<u>Matters Arising from Minutes</u> No matters arising
3.0	Notice of Motion referred to SPC for consideration March 2020 MCC Meeting – Cllr E Tóibín <i>“That speed ramps and flashing lights are installed approaching the drop off and collection points of all country schools across Meath where levels of speeding endanger children trying to gain access to their school and where to date they have not been installed despite ongoing calls from overwrought parents and teachers.”</i> It was noted that this motion had been discussed at the July SPC meeting and it had been agreed to reflect on what was discussed and to discuss it again at the meeting today. It was noted that the Council is very active on works for school safety but that one solution does not fit all the issues at schools. A list of direct and indirect works carried out at 25 schools was presented to the meeting. The members raised the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety issues at various schools. - Some schools not included on list incl. Lismullen, Dunsany and schools in Kells MD. - Why existing safety measures such as signage and flashing lights are not working at schools



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- If raised tables are the most effective measure then it should be first method used.
- Can provision of Vehicle Activation Speed signs be managed centrally rather than at MD level.
- Children cannot walk to school.
- Provision of reflectors on ramps/why are there no reflectors on existing ramps.
- Lack of footpaths & set down zones are the biggest issues Why is planning permission granted for schools without footpaths /drop off areas. Pressure should be applied to Dept of Education at application stage to ensure these elements have been addressed
- Cars parking on both sides of road at schools.
- Department of Education should be providing funding towards any required measures

The following responses were made

- Noted that there was a planning permission for works at Lismullen School and that some parking would be made available on the southern side of the school. Road Markings at the school had been refreshed and hedging cut back The issue at Lismullen may be public lighting.
- Underlying problem at schools is no set down area provided.
- Noted that there was a lot of contact with the schools through the Road Safety Officer.
- The SPC has adopted a policy on Vehicle Activated Signage. Traffic signs manual outlines where signs can be located. The TII are carrying out a review of where signs can be located.
- The provision of Vehicle Activated Signage can be raised with the MD engineers to ensure a consistent approach.
- Triangular markings on ramps are used for surfaces facing drivers. Reflective materials used to help with visibility.
- Warning signs are erected for ramps. A certain level of lighting is required from a safety perspective
- Some off road parking is to be provided at Rathmore school.
- Temporary accommodation at Dunsany school – off road parking at church next to school.
- Works on path to Educate Together Secondary School at Colpe Road have commenced.
- Agreement from TII required for works on a National Road.
- Noted the recommendation from the meeting that raised tables/ramps be prioritised. It is necessary to bring this recommendation to the full Council.



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<p>4.0</p>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What progress has been made on issuing of hedge cutting notices. - If additional monies are made available to Council will the gritting of Regional Roads not currently being gritted be prioritised. - Road lining policy at County boundaries – can road lining be matched up across boundaries. - Dunboyne to Navan rail line. Noted that the NTA will meet with the Council members at beginning of process and at the end. Need to support this project positively with cross party unity. - Need to improve public consultation with local people regarding road works. - An update on how the Winter Services Plan was progressing was requested. <p>The following responses were provided by the officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hedge cutting notices issued and follow up letters signed off on for instances where notices have not been complied with, stating that the Council will initiate proceedings to recover costs. - If any additional monies are made available then would come back to the Full Council for approval. It will not be possible to include all the Regional Roads in the current Winter Services Plan as the routes have all been planned out and resources allocated accordingly. - Will discuss road lining policy at boundaries with MD engineers. - Noted that NTA were to appoint consultants before Christmas if possible regarding the Dunboyne to Navan rail line. Perhaps could hold a pre meeting before meeting with the consultants. - Will investigate how notifications to local people regarding road works can be improved. - An update on the Winter Services Plan will be provided.
	<p><u>Recommendations from SPC Committee to Corporate Policy Group and to Full Council.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provision of raised tables/speed ramps at country schools to improve safety at schools, where appropriate.