

# Limerick City Green Routes

## Western Corridor, Ennis Road

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Limerick City Council



**Contractor:** John Craddock Ltd.

**Construction Cost:** €360,000 approx.

## Project Description:

Limerick City Council in consultation with Bus Eireann and the Department of Transport are responsible for funding and co-ordinating the implementation of the Limerick Green Routes Network. The provision of the Green Route Network is one of the key priority elements in the development of an Integrated Transport System. The Green Routes will be high volume, high capacity public transport corridors which will connect each of the principle city suburbs with the city centre. The first stage of the Western Corridor Green Route has been implemented along the Ennis Road. The following points highlight the main features of the scheme:

- Implementation of a 24 hour inbound bus lane along the Ennis Road from the Regional Hospital to the Sarsfield Bridge Junction towards Limerick City Centre (150m in length).
- Provision of new high quality footpaths incorporating dropped kerbs and tactile paving at crossing points and kassel kerbs at bus stops.
- Provision for cyclists with implementation of a shared bus and cycle lane (150m in length) and advanced stop lines at junctions.
- Provision of new signage and linemarking.
- Resurfacing of the existing carriageway and new bus lane.
- Upgrade of the existing public lighting system.



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## Benefits:

The following benefits can be attributed as a direct result of implementation of the Ennis Road Green Route/Bus Lane:

- The implementation of the Ennis Road bus lane enables the bus to bypass traffic queues that generate on the Ennis Road throughout the day, hence reducing bus journey times on the inbound approach to Limerick City. This reduction in bus journey time will encourage greater numbers to travel by bus and assist in reducing general traffic flows and congestion within the city centre.
- The construction of high quality footpaths along with the installation of dropped kerbs, tactile paving and kassel kerbs has significantly improved the environment along the Ennis Road for pedestrians, the mobility impaired and other vulnerable road users.
- The Green Route provides a safer environment for cyclists with the provision of a shared bus and cycle lane and advanced stop lines at junctions.
- The provision of new signage, linemarking and road resurfacing has improved safety for road users.
- The upgrade of existing public lighting has improved safety for both motorists and vulnerable road users along the Ennis Road.
- The aesthetic environment of the Ennis Road has significantly improved with the provision of high specification footpaths and an upgraded public lighting system.
- This enhanced public transport network will improve the attractiveness of the city centre as a shopping/business destination for commuters.

