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Opportunities in an evolving planning space
National Transport Policy

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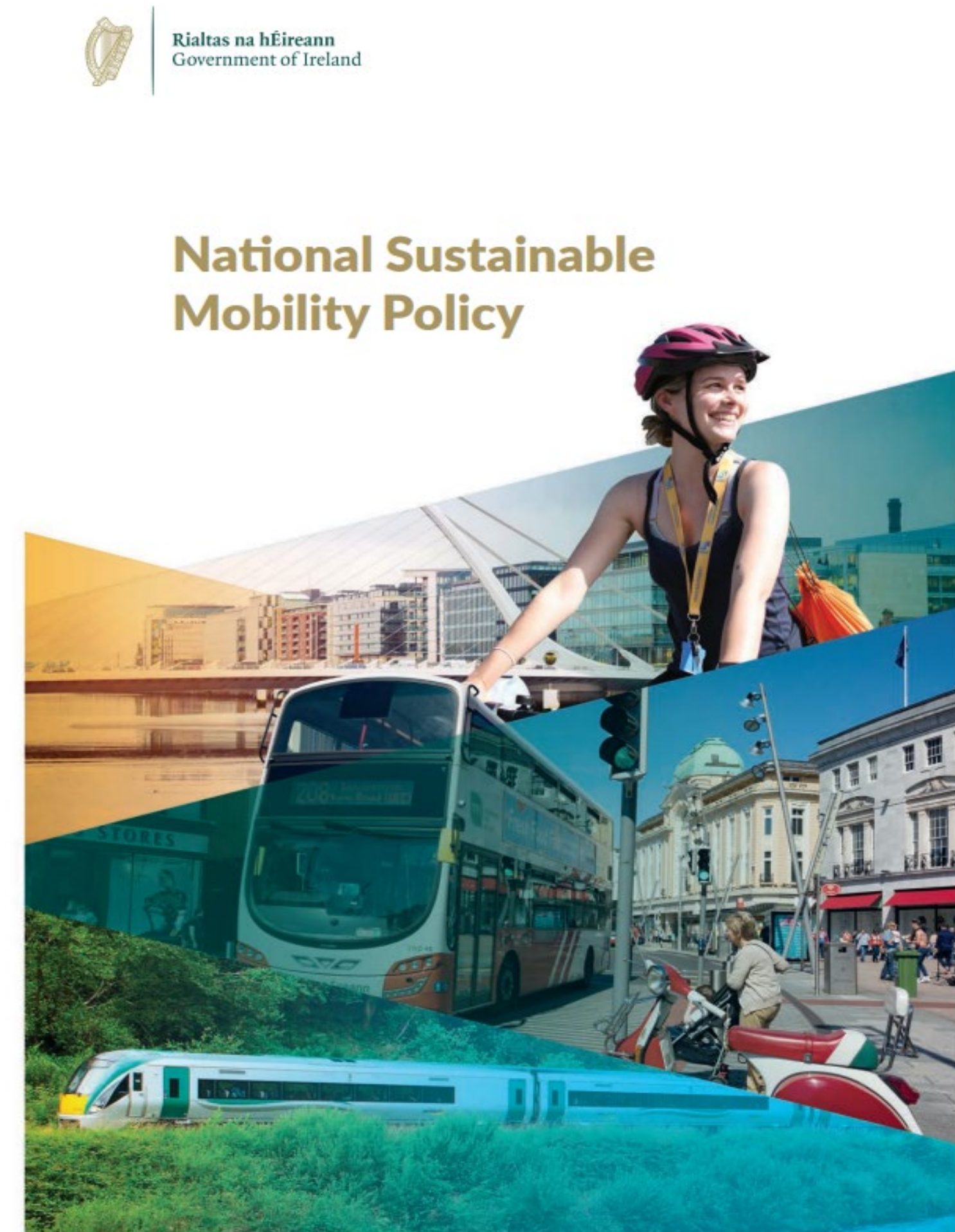
Alignment of Land Use and Transport Policies



Transport Policies and Frameworks



- National Sustainable Mobility Policy
- Integrated land use and transport planning / TOD
- SMP Pathfinder Programme
- Climate Action Plan
- EV Infrastructure Strategy
- “Moving Together” – *draft strategy*



National Sustainable Mobility Policy



- Policy lifetime: 2022-2030
- Action Plans – Current plan expires end 2025. New one for 2026-2030
- Three overarching themes:
 1. Safe and green mobility
 2. People focussed mobility
 3. Better integrated mobility
- Governance through a Leadership Group with national, regional and local representatives

The infographic is set against a light blue background with green accents. It features three main sections, each with a circular icon: a leaf for 'Safe and green mobility', a person for 'People focused mobility', and a circular arrow for 'Better integrated mobility'. Each section contains a list of bullet points. To the right, there is a quote in italics and a call to action with a website URL. The bottom of the infographic is a colorful illustration of a city scene with a bus, a cyclist, a pedestrian, a person in a wheelchair, and a train.

Safe and green mobility

- › Expanding walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure across the country
- › Moving the public transport fleet to low and zero emission vehicles
- › Improving the safety of walking, cycling and public transport networks

People focused mobility

- › Making walking, cycling and public transport more accessible for all users – including those with reduced mobility, disabilities and the elderly
- › Introducing a more attractive fare structure
- › Reallocating road space to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport

Better integrated mobility

- › Adopting a transport-orientated approach to housing development to place new housing close to public transport
- › Making it easier to switch between walking, bike, bus and rail on your journey

Sustainable Mobility is cheaper, good for your health and better for the environment!

For more information see www.gov.ie/transport

SMP Goal 9: Better integrate land use and transport planning



Expansion of NTA transport planning remit to other cities.

Building land-use development into Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies.

Developing local and metropolitan area transport plans.

Supporting TOD, including through development of DMURS guidance.

An infographic from the Department of Transport. At the top left is the harp logo and the text 'An Roinn Iompair Department of Transport'. The main headline reads: 'Ireland's new Sustainable Mobility Policy will make it easier for you to walk, cycle and use public transport daily.' Below this is a green box with the text 'What's in the Policy?' followed by the title 'Better integrated mobility'. A circular icon with three arrows indicates a cycle. Two bullet points describe the policy: 'Adopting a transport-orientated approach to housing development to place new housing close to public transport' and 'Making it easier to switch between walking, bike, bus and rail on your journey'. At the bottom, there are social media hashtags '#ClimateActionIRL' and '#TransformingHowWeTravel', and an illustration of a train on a bridge, a person walking, and a bus.

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What's in the Policy? **Better integrated mobility**

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- Making it easier to switch between walking, bike, bus and rail on your journey

#ClimateActionIRL #TransformingHowWeTravel

Transport Orientated Development



“A form of urban development that seeks to maximise the provision of housing, employment, public services and leisure space in close proximity to frequent, high quality transport services.”

National Economic and Social Council (2019)

Implementation



- Transport Orientated Development Working Group
- Jointly chaired by Departments of Transport and Housing
- Identifying opportunities in major urban areas
- Engagement with regional and local authorities
- Review of greenfield and brownfield lands of scale



Progress to date



- Studies completed for Dublin, Cork and Eastern Region
- Studies for Limerick, Galway and Waterford
- 31 sites identified to date with potential for approximately 250,000 residential units
- Sites close to existing or planned high-capacity public transport
- Institutional and funding structures to be established to accelerate delivery

Pathfinder Programme



- **Regional Assemblies ‘Accelerator’ pathfinder critical capacity builder for supporting delivery of sustainable mobility projects**
- **Mid-Term Review – Key Recommendations**
 - ✓ Develop more integrated approach to supporting the design of urban centres including through funding
 - ✓ Support long-term approach to capacity building on sustainable mobility at Local Government level.
 - ✓ Establish NTA framework for communications and engagement services to support the rollout of Active Travel projects.

Climate Action Plans and EV Strategy

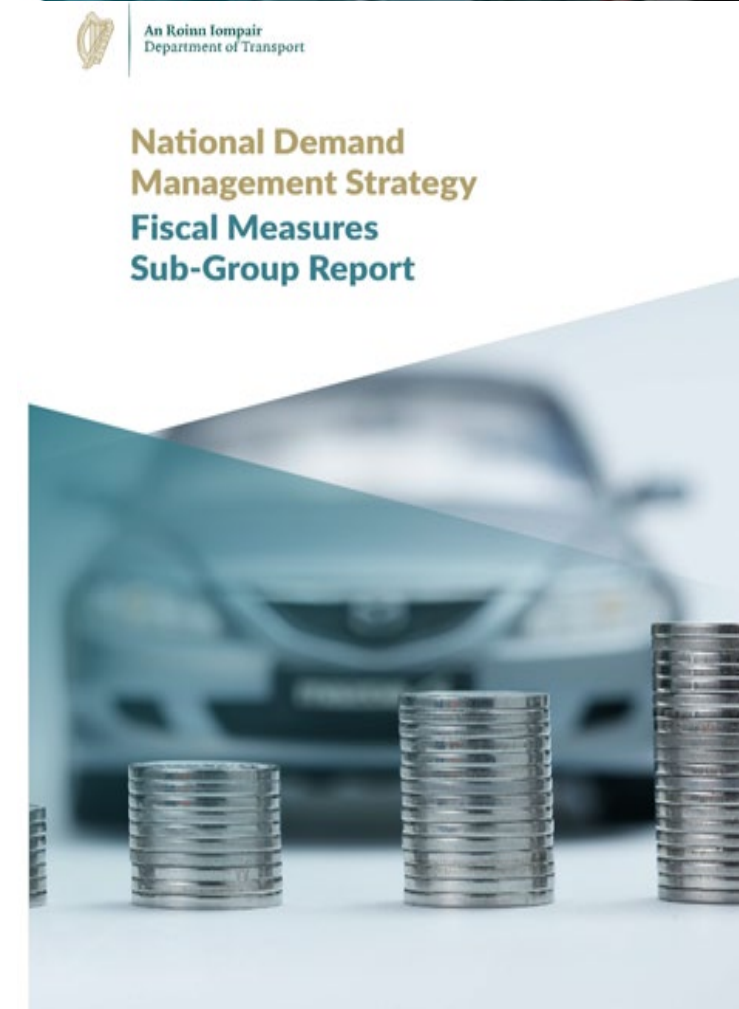
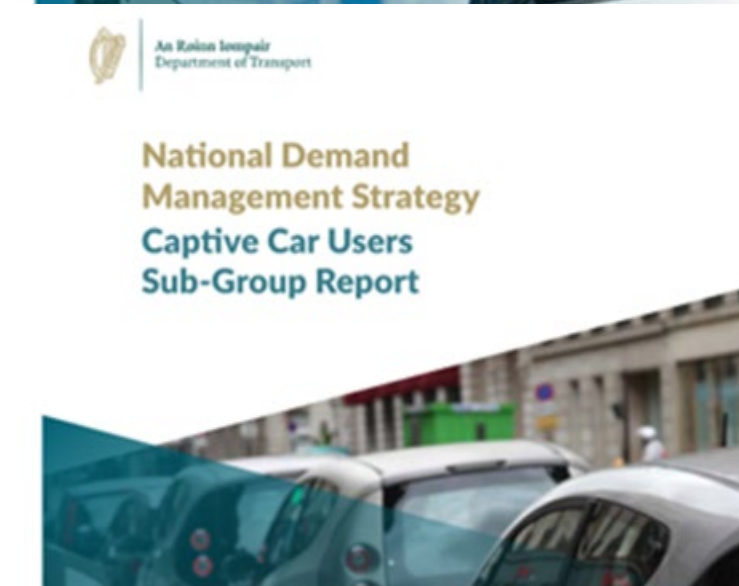


- Regional Assemblies and local authorities central to Climate Action
- Local authorities at the front-line, delivering projects that will facilitate the transition to net-zero (Avoid & Shift)
- Also have a critical role in ‘Improve’ i.e. accelerating EV infrastructure delivery, as per ZEVI’s Regional and Local EV Charging Network Plan 2024-2030
- DoT is providing and funding key staffing resources to support this work



New 'Moving Together' Strategy in development

- It's a strategy to improve the efficiency of existing system rather than building additional capacity
- Again. strong focus on integrated land use and planning as well as optimal use of space



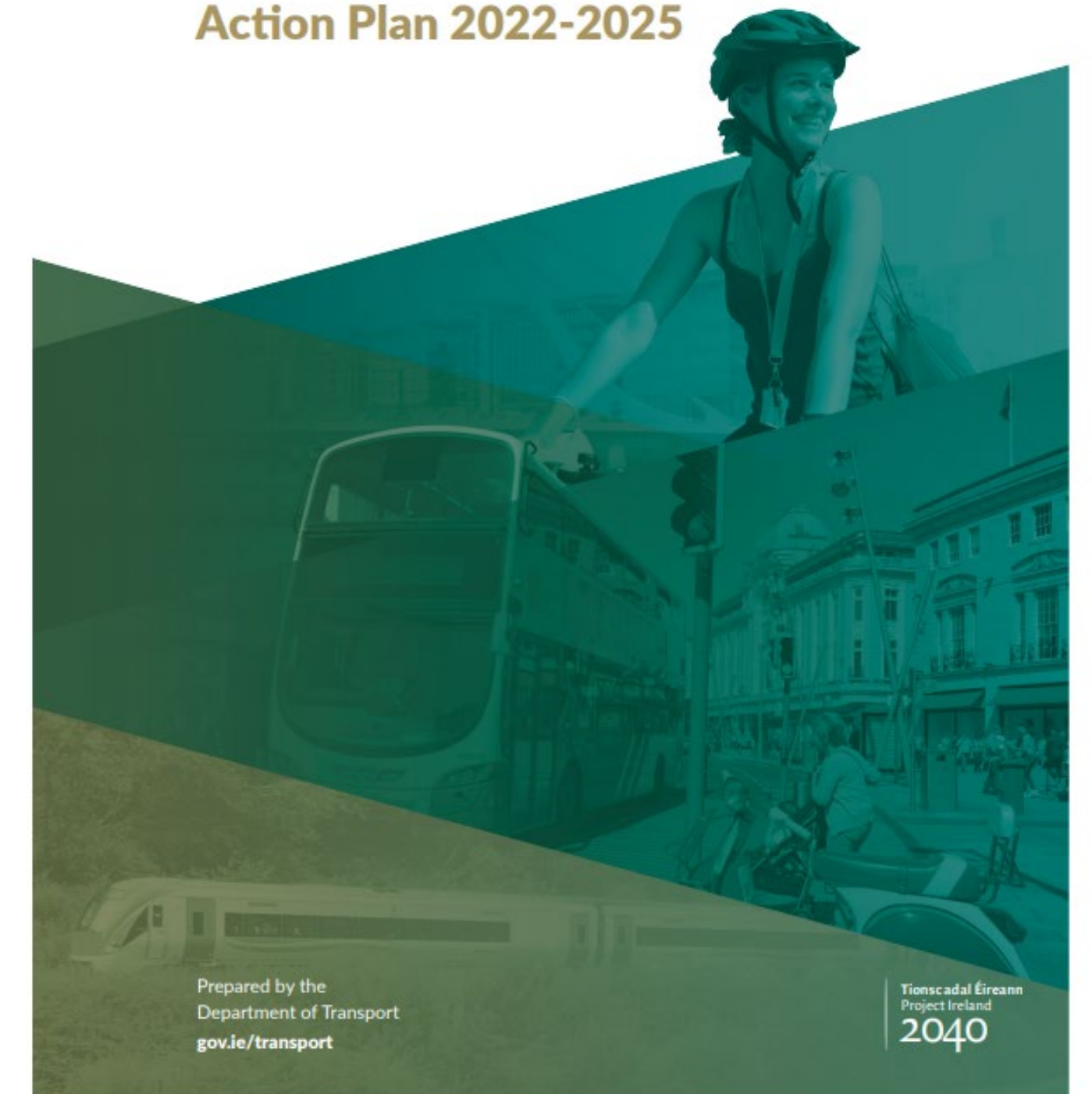
SMP Action Plan 2026-2030

- Work underway to develop second SMP Action Plan, covering second period of SMP.
- Further integration of Avoid-Shift-Improve approach into sustainable mobility planning.
- Collective effort – will seek input from local and regional authorities and Government departments.
- National Sustainable Mobility Forum to take place in May 2025.



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**National Sustainable
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Action Plan 2022-2025



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