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Galway City Council

Galway Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy 2023 – 2043

'GMATS'



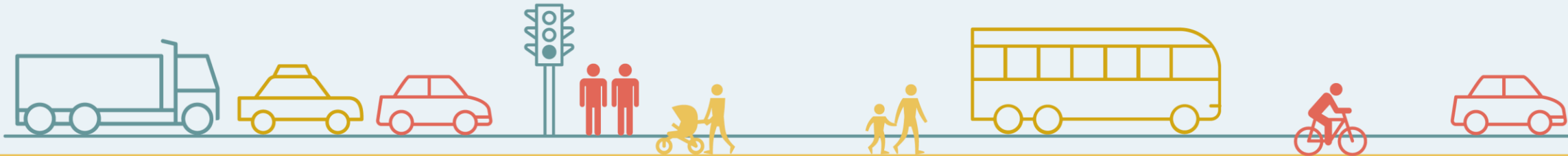
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Outline of Presentation

- Purpose of GMATS
- Process for GMATS development
- Coordination Group
- Key Dates
- Next Steps

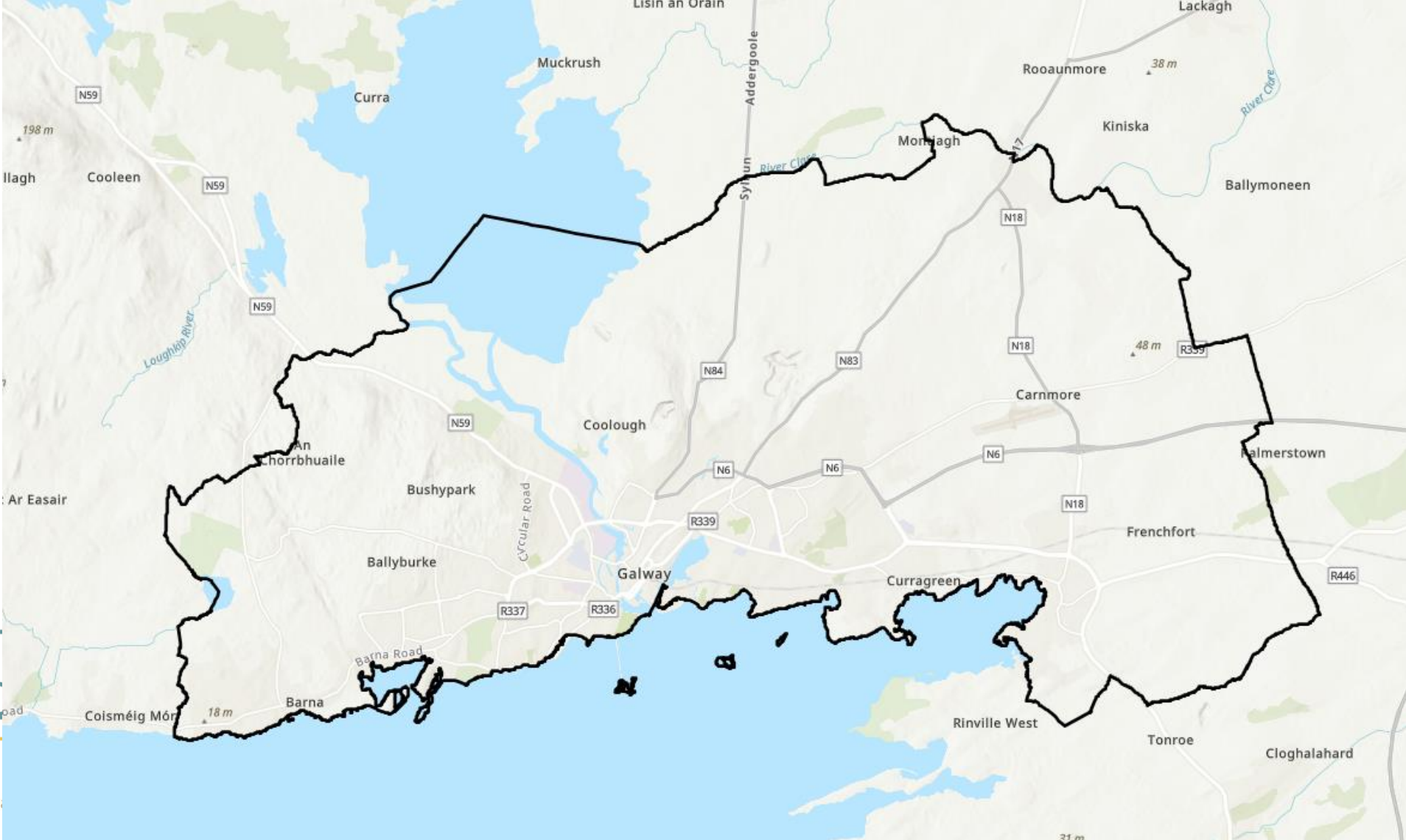


Purpose

- Update of the GTS 2016 and prepare a Galway Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy “GMATS” (all modes) for the period 2023-2043.
- Take account of significant national and regional policy changes & their challenges:
 - Climate Action Plan
 - National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland
 - National Sustainable Mobility Policy
 - National Planning Framework
 - Northern & Western Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy.



MASP area map





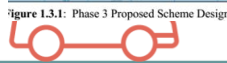
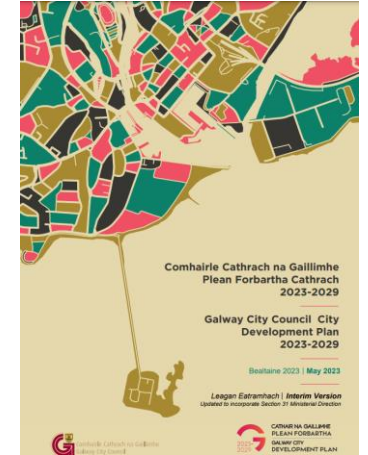
Scope of Strategy

Identify transport networks & associated requirements to serve demand in GMA to 2043

- Strategy Objectives
- All modes following the modal hierarchy
- Freight, Delivery and Servicing
- Traffic Management
- Parking
- Integration & Inclusion
- Climate Action Management

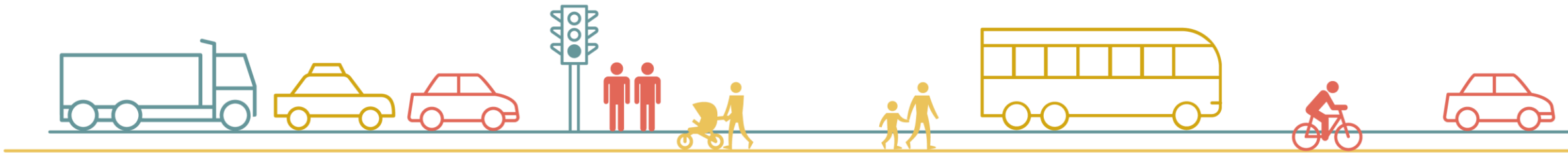


Key Inputs



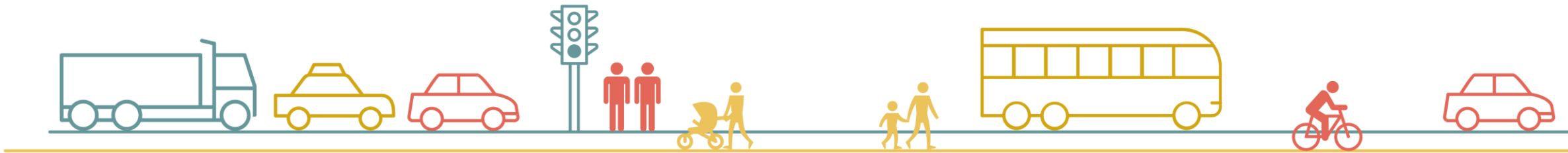
LRT Feasibility Study

- Identify potential mass-transit solutions that could be considered and applied & evaluate in Galway context;
- Assess the demand in MASP area & identify highest demand corridor with potential for LRT / mass transit;
- Prepare outline proposal for development of light rail on the high demand corridor;
- Consider other areas and levels of future demand,
- Develop details of proposal to evaluate (technical features, costs, benefits),
- Cost Estimates based on benchmark of mass-transit solutions;
- Comparison against other pt options;
- Recommendations for Strategy



Galway Roads Feasibility Study

- Baseline assessment & policy review;
- Assessment of demand for travel including type of demand (strategic/local) now and into future;
- Assess the functionality and capacity of the existing network (NIFI);
- Review the existing GCRR proposal against the above;
- Develop proposal(s) for roads as appropriate to serve identified needs;
- Recommendations for roads proposals for consideration in GMATS



Coordination Group

Members:

A Representative from:

- Galway City Council Planning
 - Galway City Council Transport
 - Galway County Council Planning
 - Galway County Council Transport
 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland
 - Northern & Western Regional Assembly
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- NTA and Atkins



Incremental Multi-Modal Option Development & Appraisal

Objective:

- Define transport options that meets the Strategy objectives.

Inputs:

- BusConnects & CycleConnects networks
- CAP aligned Demand and Traffic Management measures
- Forecast Demand

Outputs:

- Draft 2043 BusConnects network
- Draft 2043 Active Travel network

Approach:







- Run 2043 scenario BusConnects, CycleConnects to match idealised demand
- Identify active travel permeability improvements
- Assess P&R


Galway BusConnects


Galway Draft New Network Online Map
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Galway Draft New Bus Network

At midday, the bus comes every...

-  10 minutes
-  15 minutes
-  20 minutes
-  30 minutes
-  60 minutes
-  Frequency to be set in Connecting Ireland

 Many routes

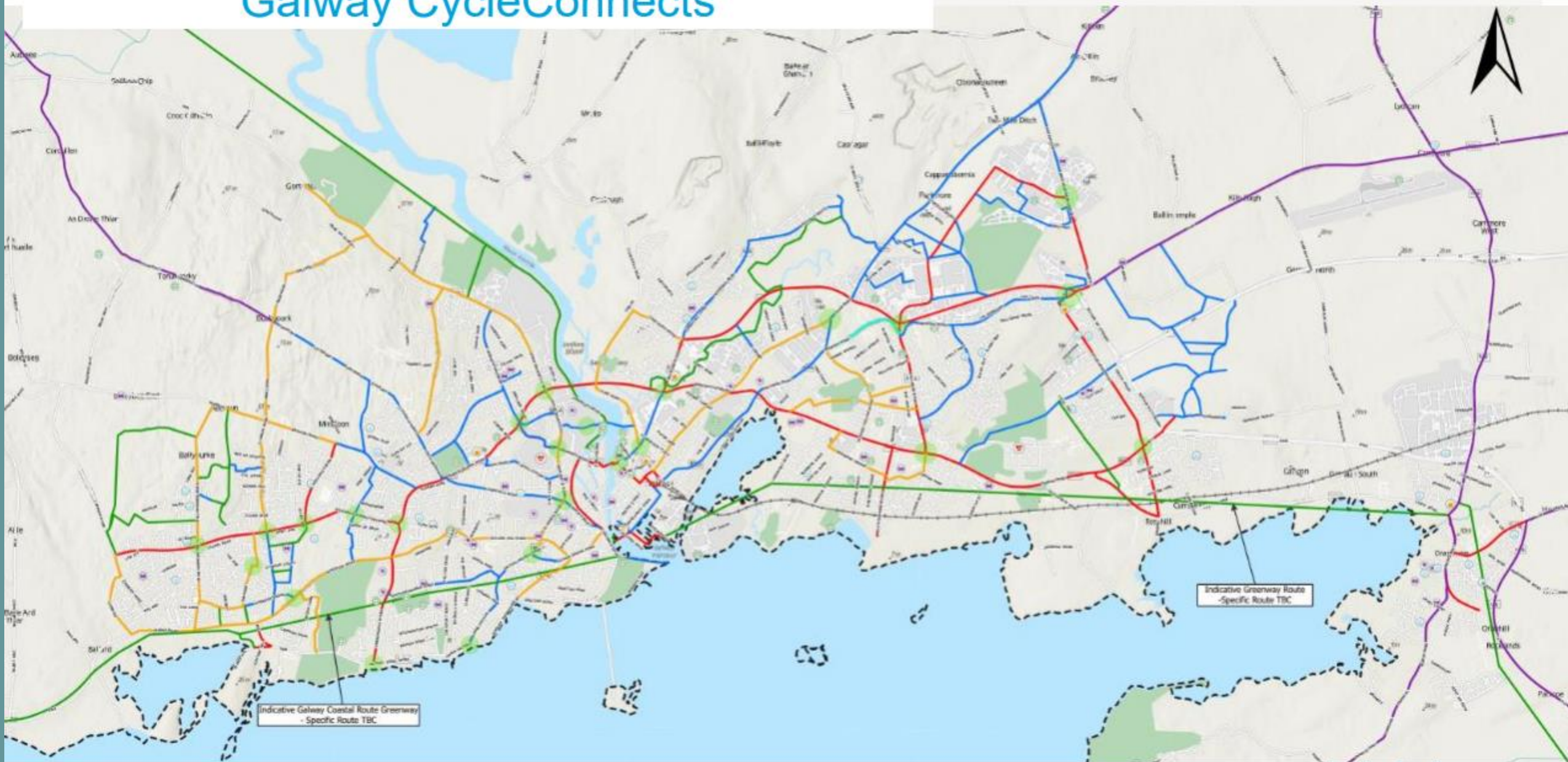
 Railway

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Galway CycleConnects



GMATS Report

Draft Written Statement

Review by NTA (& Stakeholders)

Revise content, graphic design and translations

Publish for Public Consultation

Public consultation – revise content

Publish final report



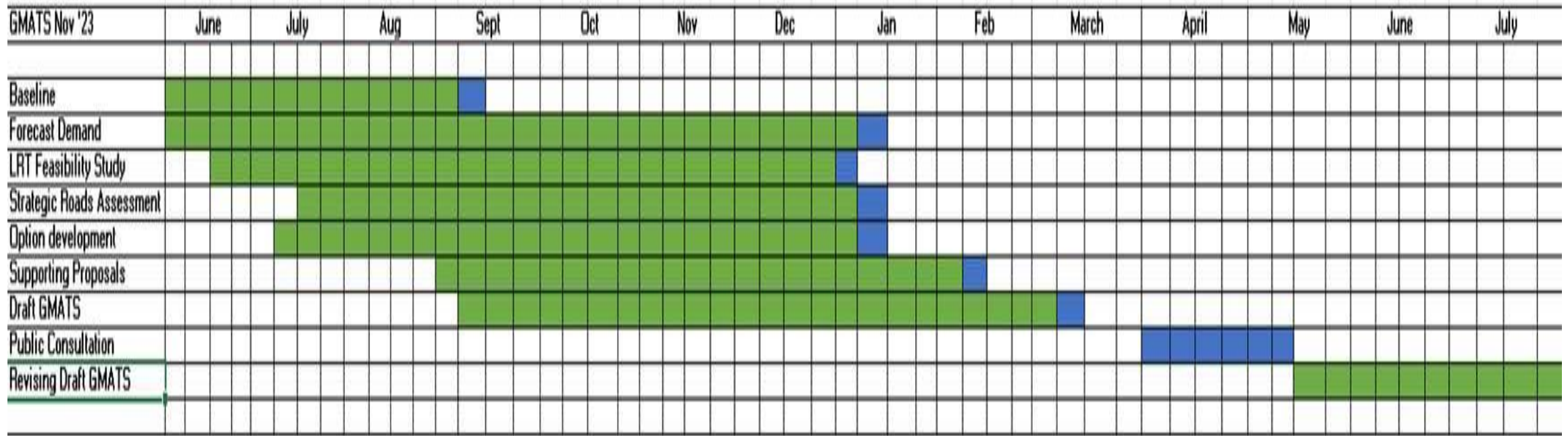
Public Consultation

March – May 2024

Two Public events
One day in each location
Potential for online event

Presentation to Councillors
Stakeholder meetings
Public submission through web portal
Summarise feedback
Public Consultation report







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