### Note

The following Table provides traffic trend information derived from a small sample set of traffic counters located on the national road network.

The information below covers the morning period from 7am until 10am. The trend for car traffic from this period of the day generally correlates closely with the overall daily trend in car traffic at each location.

This summary is produced daily.



# Transport Infrastructure Ireland National Road Car Traffic Report Morning Period (7am – 10am)

# Wednesday 8th July 2020

Traffic Counter	Traffic Volume (Cars Only)	Comparison with same day 2019	Comparison with same day last week
M50 J6-J7 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road)	17,664	-34%	+2%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,353	-25%	+8%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	13,194	-27%	-1%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,428	-23%	-1%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,085	-32%	0%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	5,633	-32%	+1%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	12,786	-29%	0%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,491	-38%	-3%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	9,448	-29%	+3%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	11,362	-30%	0%

## **Introductory Remarks**

- ➤ In the initial three weeks following the introduction of the March 27th restrictions, traffic volumes were very consistent. Overall traffic volumes were typically down approximately 65-70% across the national road network.
- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent.
- ➤ In response, daily traffic figures are being provided in order to more closely monitor the trends. Traffic figures are measured from 7am to 10am so as to provide an early indicator each day.
- ➤ Weekly heavy goods vehicle traffic has remained largely stable and accordingly the daily figures provided are for cars only.
- The changes day-to-day are not cumulative they compare only the current day's figures versus the same day in the previous week and the same day last year.

# Daily Data for Wednesday 8th July

- Car traffic volume growth today as compared with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July is lower than the growth rates experienced last week.
- ➤ Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 23% and 38% of the volumes of one year ago, across the sampled traffic counters.
- ➤ Car traffic just south of the Northern Ireland Border on the N1 at Jonesboro is up 8% today as compared with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. The overall reduction in car traffic at this counter is now 25%.
- ➤ Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin show an increase this morning as compared with Wednesday of last week of between -1% and 3%. Car traffic is up 3% on the M11 at Bray, 0% on the on the N7 at Citywest, -1% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, -1% on the M1 at Swords to Airport and. These growth figures are in line with the very low levels of growth experienced to-date this week.
- ➤ The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 2% increase as compared with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is in line to the low growth rates recorded today on the radial approach routes.
- ➤ In the case of the regional cities the increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July is as follows: M7 Limerick 1%, N40 Cork 0%, N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 0% and M9 Waterford -3%. These growth figures are consistent with the very low growth figures experienced thus far this week.
- ➤ It can be inferred that the low growth figures to-date this week as compared with last week may reflect seasonal factors with people starting to take summer leave.