### 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.



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

# Monday 31st August 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)	18,425	-32%	+4%
M1 North of J20 (South of Border at Jonesboro)	2,281	-26%	-14%
M1 J2-J3 (Dublin Airport to Swords)	14,372	-22%	+5%
M4 J6-J7 (Between Celbridge and Maynooth)	7,754	-11%	+6%
N6 Bóthar na dTreabh, Galway	3,495	-21%	+8%
M7 J29-J30 Limerick SRR (Ballysimon to Rosbrien)	6,613	-24%	+14%
N7 J3-J4 (Citywest)	13,500	-27%	+7%
M9 J11-J12 (Mullinavat to Waterford)	1,752	-22%	+16%
M11 J5-J6 (Between Bray North and Bray Central)	10,571	-17%	+8%
N40 Cork SRR (Kinsale Road to Douglas)	12,743	-20%	+12%

## **Introductory Remarks**

- From Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, an upward trend in car traffic volumes became apparent. In response, daily traffic figures were provided by TII from 29<sup>th</sup> April in order to more closely monitor traffic trends. Traffic figures were measured from 7am to 10am so as to provide an early indicator each day.
- ➤ Weekly heavy goods vehicle traffic had remained largely stable and accordingly the daily figures provided were for cars only.
- ➤ The changes recorded 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.
- ➤ By mid July car traffic figures had plateaued, with little day-to-day change, and as of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July TII moved from the practice of providing daily updates of car traffic volumes during the morning peak period of 7-10am to a weekly update for each Tuesday in which we compared the full day traffic volumes with the previous Tuesday's volumes and with the equivalent Tuesday in 2019.
- ➤ Given the potential traffic impacts arising from the re-opening of schools, for the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> August TII is providing a daily update on morning peak traffic figures.

# Daily Data for Monday 31st August

- ➤ Overall, car traffic today is typically down by between 11% and 32% 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 shows a decrease today of -14% as compared with Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. This is an outlier, in that it is the only traffic counter to record a drop this morning. This is attributable to the fact that today is a Bank Holiday in the United Kingdom.
- ➤ Car traffic volumes on the radial routes into Dublin are consistently up when compared with Monday of last week. Car traffic is up 5% on the M1 at Swords to Airport, 6% on the M4 at Celbridge-Maynooth, 7% on the N7 at Citywest and 8% on the M11 at Bray.
- ➤ The M50 (N3 Navan Road to N4 Galway Road) shows a 4% increase as compared with Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. This is broadly consistent with the growth rates recorded today on the radial approach routes, especially the two closest radial routes, the M1 and the M4.
- ➤ In the case of the regional cities the increase in car traffic volumes this morning as compared with Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August is as follows: M9 Waterford 16%, M7 Limerick 14%, N40 Cork 12% and N6 Bóthar na dTreabh Galway 8%. These represent substantially higher growth rates than on the Dublin radial approaches.