IRELAND’S ENVIRONMENT

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

75%

Approximately three quarters of all journeys in Ireland are made by private car.

Ireland’s National Cycle Policy aims to develop a cycling culture.

OUR TARGET FOR CYCLING

10% of all journeys by 2020

The source of greenhouse gas emissions requires major action if we are to meet our 2020 obligations.

Transport accounts for almost 20% of total greenhouse gas emissions.

SMARter TRAVEL
A Sustainable Transport Future

This is how the government’s approach is set out and this strategy aims to:

• Reduce the distance travelled by car.
• Improve access to alternatives.
• Improve fuel efficiency.
• Improve governance to deliver this policy.

Investment in transport projects has fallen sharply as a result of the recession.

Government policy is now focussed on small-scale projects such as: Improving the existing network. Cycling & pedestrian projects. The Smarter Travel Areas Programme.


10%

This is the RES-T target. The Biofuels Obligation Scheme 2010 and the rollout of electric vehicles underpin the achievement of this target.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE TARGET

200k in the national fleet by 2020

CHALLENGES AHEAD

1. Meeting our 2020 greenhouse emissions obligations

2. Reducing our reliance on the car, particularly in a low density dispersed population

3. Ireland’s National Cycle Policy aims to develop a cycling culture so that by 2020, 10% of all journeys will be by bike. This will be a challenge for Ireland.

4. Our target is that 10% of all passenger vehicles will be electric by 2020. This is very challenging as currently only 0.2% are electric (300 vehicles).