

**Dáil Eireann:**

**Is gravely concerned that:**

- The A5 remains an unsafe road with an increasing number of fatalities in recent years
- People, young and old, continue to lose their lives on this route leaving devastated families and communities behind
- More than 50 people have died since 2006, with ten deaths occurring between October 2021 and October 2022 alone

**Notes that:**

- The A5 route is important infrastructure linking north and south, it is a major route for those living and working in the border counties and across the North West.
- It is critical to the economic wellbeing of one of the poorest regions on the island
- The A5 upgrade was first announced in 2007 in order to transform a dangerous single lane road into a much safer dual carriageway
- The N2 'Ardee to Castleblayney' and the 'Clontibret to the border' road schemes along with the Ten-T Road upgrade projects for Donegal are critically important linkages to the A5 and have been identified as necessary for road safety.

**Recognises that:**

- Further delays to the commencement of the project will cost lives and have a negative effect on the economic development of the North West

**Calls on the government to:**

- Honour the commitment to fund 50% of the cost of the A5 upgrade so that it is commenced and completed as quickly as possible saving lives and enhancing the social and economic wellbeing of the North West region and
- take all necessary steps to ensure that the Ten-T Road upgrade projects for Donegal, connecting to the A5 and related N2 upgrades receive approval and are delivered as speedily as possible