

Eastern Seaboard Corridor M2 Junction at Sandyknowes

Need for Scheme

The M2 and A8(M) are part of the Eastern Seaboard Corridor (Larne through Belfast to the border at Newry leading on to Dublin), which is one of the five Key Transport Corridors identified in the Regional Development Strategy.

Sandyknowes junction links the M2 and A8(M) on this corridor and provides access to the major employment location of Mallusk and Ballyhenry. Congestion during peak traffic periods causes significant delays.

The Proposed scheme

The proposed scheme would improve the strategic link between the A8(M) and the M2.

Proposals to improve this strategic link are under development. These will be considered in association with proposals for a new junction to the north of Sandyknowes, which was included in the draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015.

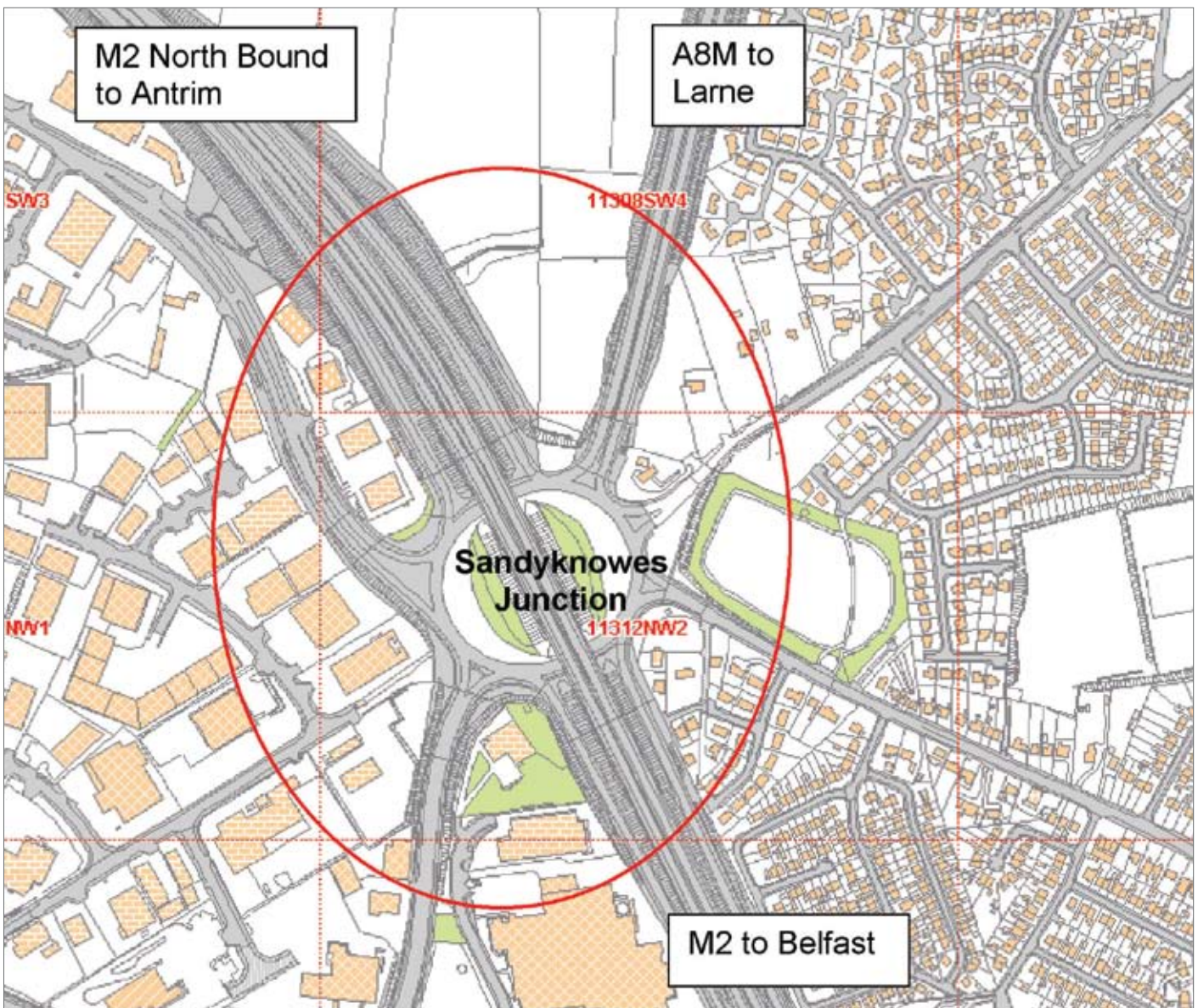


Benefits

The scheme will reduce delays for both local and strategic traffic, especially during the peak periods. The direct link from the A8(M) to the M2 will also maximise the benefits of the M2 widening between Sandyknowes and Greencastle.

Progress

The DRD Investment Delivery Plan for Roads estimates that the scheme will be delivered within the 2014-18 period.



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