

# Jacobs to Support Critical Ireland Railway Infrastructure Program

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Route modernization and expansion enabling greater regional accessibility

Key regional and intercity corridor upgrade project commences

DALLAS, July 22, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- **Jacobs** (NYSE: J) has been appointed as a multi-disciplinary consultant to **Iarnród Éireann** (Irish Rail), supporting the long-term strategy for expanding and modernizing a section of Ireland's rail network in line with the aspirations of the **All Island Strategic Rail Review**. The objective of this transformative project is to improve capacity and passenger experience across an 87-mile (140 kilometer) route serving the Western region from Galway to Portarlinton, providing onward connection to Dublin.

Initially, Jacobs will provide multi-disciplinary consultancy services – delivering the pre-feasibility, feasibility and preferred option selection project phases, looking at additional track capacity, decarbonization, increased speeds and higher service frequencies needs. The framework agreement is for a four-year period with option to extend for a further four years.

Jacobs Executive Vice President Keith Lawson said: "This major improvement project aims to significantly enhance capacity, reduce journey times and increase service frequency for passengers, improving connectivity for communities and businesses. The complexity of this program necessitates an integrated approach encompassing transport planning, stakeholder engagement, environmental considerations, urban development and more. The scale of our team in Ireland brings diverse capabilities to seamlessly integrate these solutions to support the country's evolving transport needs."

Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail) Chief Executive Jim Meade said: "At Iarnród Éireann we are delighted that a study is underway on these key infrastructure developments. We believe strongly that providing frequent and reliable rail services to more and more communities will greatly assist in reducing reliance on private cars and will go a long way to meeting Ireland's climate action targets."

Supported by the **National Transport Authority** and funded under **Project Ireland 2040**, Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail's) infrastructure investment program is a critical part of the National Development Plan 2018-2027 to support compact growth, sustainable mobility and transition to a climate neutral and climate resilient society.

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Key infrastructure projects include **Irish Rail's East Coast Railway Infrastructure Protection Projects program**, the National Transport Authority's **BusConnects Dublin** and **BusConnects Cork** programs, the **Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade** and **Cork County Council's M28 Motorway project**.

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Jacobs draws on global rail infrastructure delivery experience on programs like New York City's **Grand Central Madison project**, the U.K.'s **Elizabeth line**, Malaysia's **Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit** and **Etihad Rail**, one of the largest infrastructure efforts in the United Arab Emirates.

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