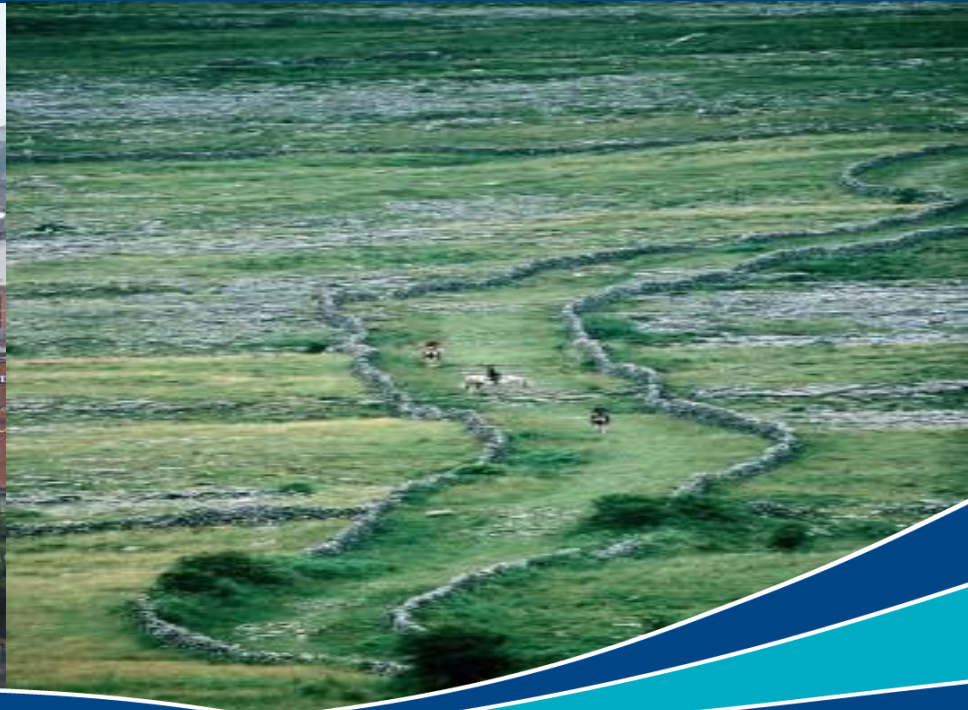


Draft Mid West Area Strategic Plan Pre-Public Consultation



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Outline of presentation

- Purpose
- Scope
- Policy Basis
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Scope

- 20 year strategy
 - Planning / Land Use
 - Transportation
 - Economics
- 4 local authorities
- Multi-Modal Model
- PTFS

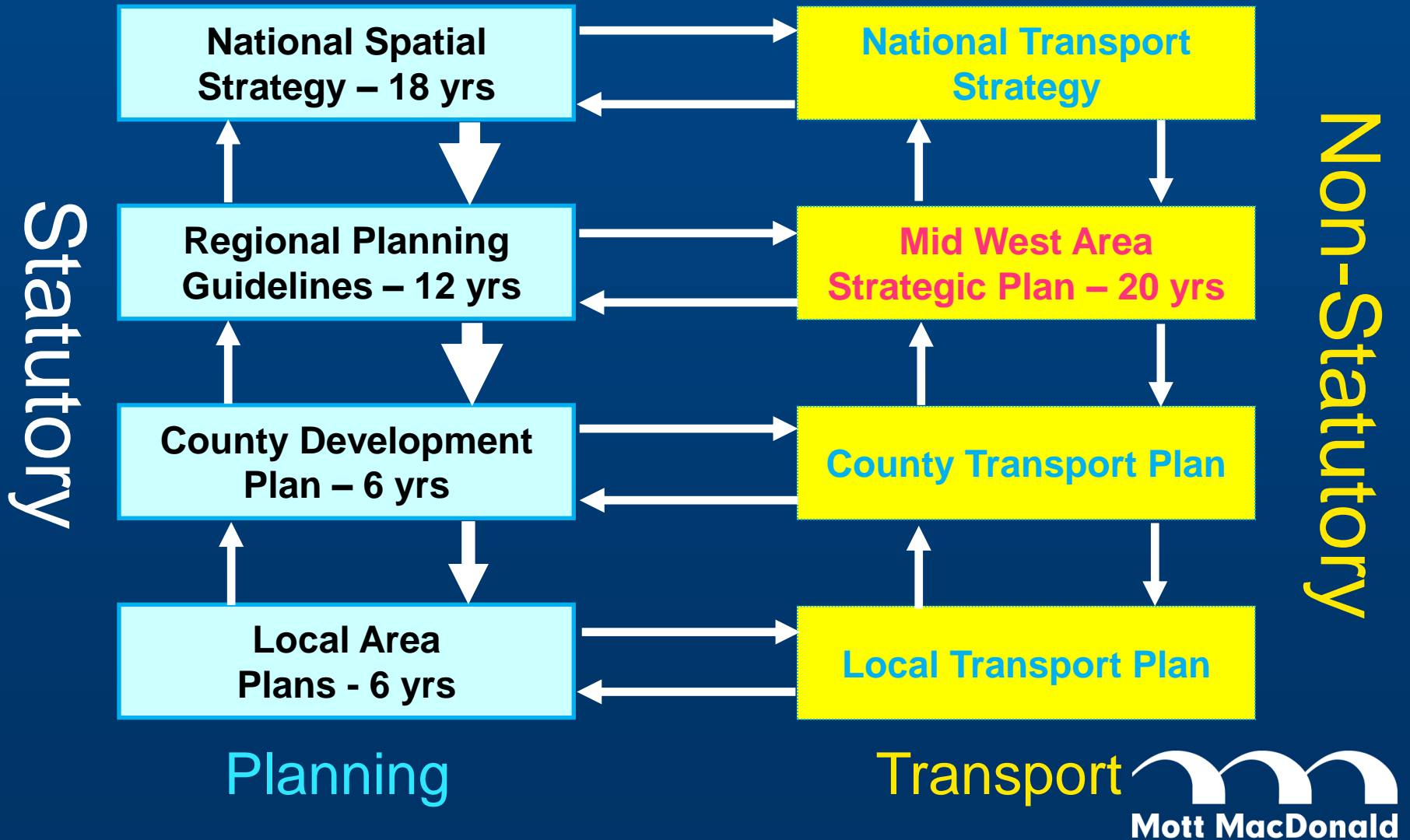
Purpose

- Programme for Government
- Align with other cities
- Evidence based Strategy
- Funding Package
- Parallel to Planning
- Assessment Tool

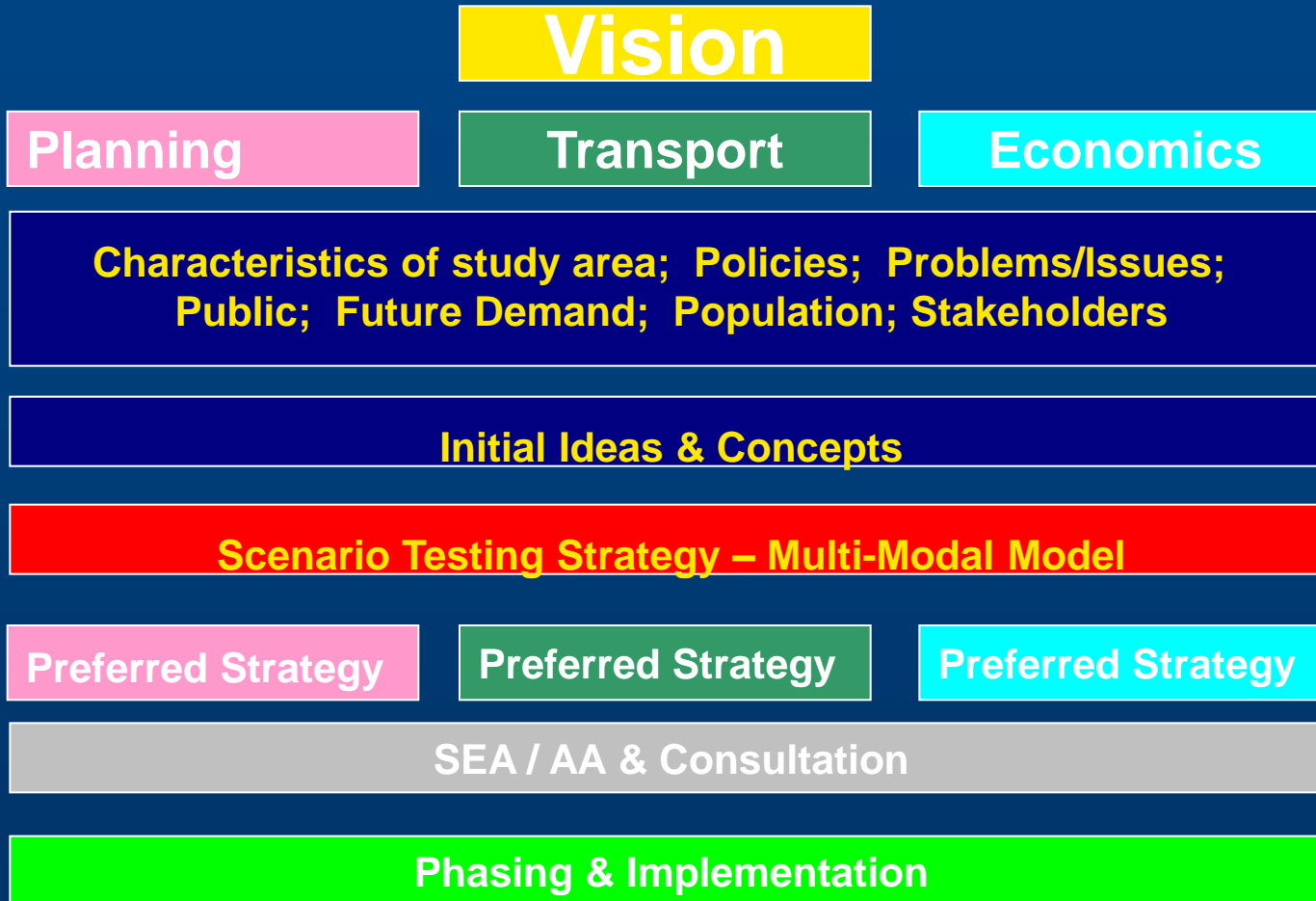
Policy Basis

- National Spatial Strategy
- Regional Planning Guidelines
- Co. Dev Plans
- Local Area Plans
- Smarter Travel

Context: Integrated Framework



Methodology



The Vision

“The Mid-West Region and Limerick City as its capital, will realise its potential as a gateway region both nationally and internationally.

The future of the region will be based on sustainable, economic, social equity and environmental drivers, which together will deliver an enhanced quality of life”.

Recommendations

- **Economics**

- 7 sectors identified for Growth in the region
- A more streamlined corporate governance structure to achieve a better platform for Limerick Metropolitan Area to achieve its potential
- Government direction on the long-term future role for Shannon Airport and development of a long term strategic business plan for both the airport and Shannon Estuary
- The need for education, re-training, up-skilling and research as the current economic base is weak
- greater cooperative and integrated approach provided through a single voice that can champion the change

Recommendations

- **Planning / Land Use**

- **Core City – Immediate focus -The promotion of the Metropolitan City as the economic driver for the Region with a focus on the rejuvenation of the central area to develop as a place of quality for citizen, worker and visitor;**
- **Intensification - +30% Population Gateway, 28% Metro Area**
- **Set for 500,000 with Hierarchy of Towns – 4 Tiers**
- **Develop Shannon and Ennis as complementary settlements pending a better balance of employment and population levels between the two;**
- **Promote a role for Nenagh to provide a support services and facilities for the Metropolitan Area given the proximity afforded by the M7;**
- **Provide key settlements at NCW, Thurles and Roscrea to act as service centres for the rural hinterland;**
- **Develop rural economic and settlement nodes at strategic locations in the rural area of the Region to provide key services and provide a more sustainable compact settlement pattern.**

Recommendations

- **Transport**

- **No new big ticket items - +€250M Investment excl Roads**
- **Atlantic Corridor - Completion of the Atlantic Corridor transport connections to Cork, Galway and Waterford**
- **Support for the upgrading of the National Secondary and Regional Road network that functions as a key transport network in the region.**
- **Shannon Foynes**
- **A revision of the public transport system and subsequent investment to achieve a more sustainable, accessible and competitive region**
- **Publication of the National Aviation Policy outlining the role of Shannon Airport in a national context**
- **Comprehensive review of the future rail corridors under the long term requirement to implement high-speed rail line connections between the cities in Ireland**



Next Steps

- **Approved by Working and Steering groups**
- **Presentations to MWRA & Local Authorities**
- **Under SEA Legislation – Consultation**
 - 6-8 weeks
- **Conclude with inclusion of comments**
- **Formally accept**

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