

# **Capital Crisis – Dublin's Traffic Disaster Gets Worse**

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According to Dublinlive in early March of 2023, Dublin became the second worst city for traffic congestion in Europe. Only London has surpassed the Irish capital in this disastrous news.

Further data has come from StressFreeCarRental.com backing up this fact, saying that it took a car half an hour to travel 10 kilometers on average, with motorcyclists reaching only 17 kph at peak periods. Dublin has even beaten Milan by a minute, boasting at 28 minutes to travel the same length. Paris is just over 26 minutes by dwarfing its Irish counterpart in population, 12.271 million to 1.5 million, a staggering and mind-blowing difference. Even Milan's population intimidates Irelands capital city with 3.155 million inhabitants calling the famous Italian city home. You wouldn't think it without the statistics, but it is very clear with a city that is so compact that the transport system we have currently is not going to cut it. Mindboggling, isn't it?

Dublin is one of the few capital cities in Europe without an underground railway, and the traffic congestion is proof that it is urgently needed. At least two different lines would be a great solution, one for North Dublin, and one for South Dublin. The airport, stadiums and other major spots within the city should be linked to the line. This will cut down all the cars on the roads. A revamp of all the Luas lines, bus routes and train journeys would not only be doing this issue the world of good, but also will be taking the strain off these transport services. Wipe the slate clean and start over. An expensive, but practical solution for Dublin's future. Trains to and from Dublin should come every half hour to an hour with great efficiency.

As we all know, all those cars on the road means that there is lots of pollution in the Dublin skies. According to AccuWeather, Dublin city's air quality is poor compared to the rest of the country. It is good compared to cities like Warsaw and Belgrade, but still troubling.

In short Dublin's traffic is in a dying state and needs to be sorted out before the cars and air pollution become too much for its ever-growing population.