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SACYR AND WILLS BROS TO BUILD WEST APRON VEHICLE UNDERPASS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT (IRELAND) FOR €265 MILLION

- **This contract involves the design and construction of an underpass from Dublin Airport's Pier 3 to the West Apron in the centre of the airport airfield.**

Dublin, Ireland, October 10, 2025.- The Dublin Airport Authority (daa), the operator of Ireland's two busiest international airports at Dublin and Cork, has awarded the contract to construct the new West Apron Vehicle Underpass at Dublin Airport to the **Sacyr-Wills Joint Venture (SWJV)**. Both parties signed the contract yesterday evening.

The **€265 million** contract was awarded under an Airfield and Landside Civil Works Framework (Lot 2) agreement and marks a significant milestone in the airport's long-term infrastructure development strategy.

The project, which is scheduled for completion by August 2030, will see the construction of a 1.1-kilometre subterranean twin-cell tunnel connecting Pier 3 at Dublin Airport to the West Apron. The underpass will pass beneath key operational areas including the Cross Runway (16/34) at Dublin Airport and four taxiways.

The underpass will provide a dedicated, segregated route for airside vehicles - such as cargo operators, fuel bowzers, tugs, loaders, steps, and catering trucks - between the remote West Apron and the Eastern Campus, where most airport services and facilities are located.

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The proposed vehicle underpass, which is the first work order within the 5-year Airfield and Landside Civil Works Framework awarded to the JV, is a **critical project for the safe and efficient operation of the airfield**. The underpass is required to facilitate ongoing safe and reliable vehicle access between the remote West Apron and the Eastern Campus and reduce travel times for cargo and operations within the airport.

"We look forward to working together with daa to create improved access and safety on the airfield at Dublin Airport in a construction project that will help meet the needs of its more than 31 million passengers, whilst ensuring Dublin Airport can develop as a leading European and transatlantic hub," commented **Alejandro Mendoza**, Director of Operations at Sacyr UK, Ireland and Sweden.

Wills Bros and Sacyr were previously engaged in a joint venture as part of 'SWS Joint Venture' in delivering a 25km (£220 million) project to build the **A6 Dungiven to Drumahoe highway**, one of largest infrastructure projects built to date, and delivered for the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland.

Wills Bros is one of Ireland's leading civil engineering companies, with headquarters in Foxford, County Mayo, and Dublin. The company operates across Ireland, the UK, and mainland Europe, delivering all projects in-house across a wide range of sectors.

Aidan McCaul, Contracts Director at Wills Bros "We are delighted to be awarded this critical project for the daa. As a family-run business with over 53 years of experience, our self-delivery model has enabled us to consistently deliver large and complex civil engineering projects across Ireland. With a dedicated office in the Dublin region, we're proud to bring our proven capability and commitment to excellence to this important development for daa."

The need for the underpass has become increasingly urgent following the opening of the new North Runway at Dublin Airport in August 2022. The Irish Aviation Authority has

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confirmed that apron vehicles can no longer cross Runway 16/34, which now serves as a primary taxiway. Without the underpass, vehicle access to the West Apron would be forced onto circuitous and inefficient routes, severely impacting time-critical operations such as cargo handling and general aviation.

The twin-cell design ensures operational resilience, allowing one lane to remain open in the event of maintenance or an incident in the other. The project also includes the reconfiguration of 23,700 sqm of the airport to accommodate layout changes and associated infrastructure works.

This investment underscores daa's commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards while supporting future growth at Dublin Airport. The underpass will play a pivotal role in enabling the airport to grow to a projected capacity of 40 million passengers per annum and to accommodate the continued expansion of cargo and contingency operations on the West Apron.

Construction will be carried out using cut-and-cover techniques, with a full traffic management plan in place to minimise disruption to airport operations and the local community.

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