



## URBANISM

# Exit shot for the works on the first section of La Massana road

This first phase will be completed in 2026 and the full project is expected to end in 2027

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The Minister of Territory and Urbanism, Raül Ferré, together with the Consul Major of La Massana, Eva Sansa, last Thursday gave the go-ahead to the works on the new road of La Massana that will serve to divert traffic from the center of the population and thus improving the quality of life of citizens.

The construction of this diversion of the CG-3 that will connect La Massana with Ordino will be done in several sections. The first zone, which is the one that began to be built last Thursday, will have a length of 610 meters and refers to section 2 of the initial project that will connect from Serra de l'Honor to Cabanota following the Antic Camí Ral.

It is expected that the works on this stretch of road will end in 2026 and that they will have an expenditure of around eight million euros, which will be financed jointly by the Municipality of La Massana and the Government, contributing around 4.5 and 3.5 million respectively.

The minister emphasized that «it is an important day» for the Government and for the parish of La Massana, since this road has been requested for «many» years. Ferré stated that this road will ease traffic «decongesting the center of La Massana and also the towns of Aldosa and Anyós». Sansa explained that the new road is «great news» because, as she says, «there are a lot of traffic jams in La Massana, everyone complains about the amount of traffic there.» The Consul Major also referred to the fact that due to this road traffic there are parts of the parish which are very polluted, for this reason she stated that after the works «there will mark a milestone, especially in the more central area».

Farré also commented that with the aim of speeding up the works, as the construction phases progress, the next ones will be tendered and awarded in order to «advance the work quickly». It is expected that the construction will be completely completed by the middle or end of 2027 and the minister stated that «we will now award the second phase and by spring we



► The Minister of Territory and Urbanism, Raul Ferré, in front of the point where the new La Massana road starts.



### RAÜL FERRÉ

MINISTER OF TERRITORY AND URBAN PLANNING

«We want to decongest the center of La Massana and the villages of Anyós and Aldosa»

### EVA SANSÀ

CONSUL OF LA MASSANA

«There are points where there is a lot of pollution and we think there will mark a milestone to La Massana parish»

want to put section 3 out to tender».

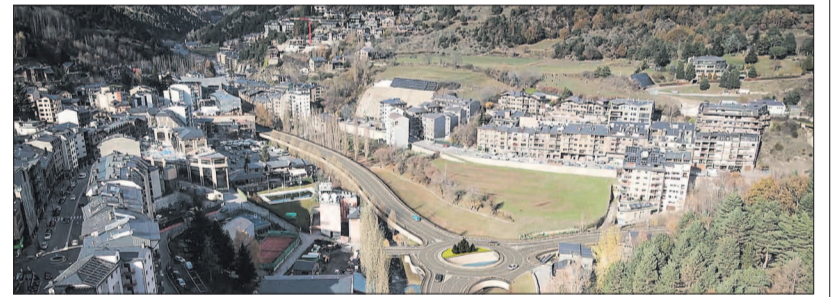
The initial project of the road had a cost of 60 million euros, which was much higher than the current one,

which is 30 million. This reduction in the budget has been possible, since an alternative solution has been found with an integral route of two kilometers that cuts the overall investment in half.

As for the rest of the route, it is divided into three more sections. Section 3 will cross the Valira del Nord river from section 2 which will already be built to the Palanques area. This part of the road will be about 500 meters long and will have several branches that will lead to the center of La Massana. Once section 3 is finished, it will be divided into two branches, one of which will be section 4, which will be about 390 meters long and will form a branch that will go towards Arinsal and will link with CG-3 as it passes through the Gondola. And the other which will be section 5, of about 450 meters that will go towards Ordino, connecting the deviation with the CG-3 in this direction at two points: at La Massana fire station and at a link by the Rossell Forge. The two branches will allow direct traffic to the Arinsal and Ordino area. ≡

## Impact on traffic and the environment

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► La Massana parish seen from the air.

► Ferré pointed out that the fact that in this section that goes from the Serra de l'Honor to the Cabanota is being worked «very much outside the general» means that there are no expected effects on mobility beyond when it is necessary to make the descent, at which point it is possible to switch from the current four lanes to two, but we would also try to work at night so as not to disrupt traffic. And as for the

environmental impact, he stated that the cutting of trees will not be important because it is already part of the road and that the continuation of the road passes through areas of meadows. In addition, he recalled that even if the road had not been built, these would be plots on which the owners could have built. «The environmental impact is very minimal», he wanted, despite everything, to have an impact.

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TOWN PLANNING

# Restrictions due to the Doctor Vilanova viaduct works

The cuts will take place next week, when 42 large beams will be installed

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Next week begins the last phase of the comprehensive reform of the Doctor Vilanova viaduct with the installation of 42 large beams that will support the reformed road. The placement of these beams requires, again, a very specific and complex operation using a large crane, which is capable of supporting large amounts of weight.

So, in the same way as it was already done in the middle of last September, when the damaged beams had to be removed, in the coming days a large machinery will be installed in the area: it is a machine specially brought to Andorra, 23 meters long and an arm 60 meters long, capable of loading up to 450 tonnes. As they reported, and in order to be able to assemble this special vehicle, three additional trailers will be needed, which will be responsible for transporting the counterweights to give stability to the crane and be able to carry out the loading maneuvers safely.

Next week, from Monday 19th, the crane will work on top of the viaduct and will therefore be installed in the area closest to Plaça Rebés. The following week, from February 26th, the operation to install the beams will focus on the lower part of the viaduct and the crane will be moved to the Prat de la Creu street intersection.

After the placement of the beams, concrete slabs will be installed that will serve as formwork for the viaduct's top, work that will be done with a smaller crane, but which will also affect vehicles



► The current appearance of the works on the Doctor Vilanova viaduct.

**The machine,** specially brought to Andorra, is 23 m long and has a 60 m long arm

and pedestrians in Plaça Rebés.

In this new phase, 12 more and lighter beams will be installed than the existing ones (30 were removed in September and weighed between 20 and 40 tons, depending on the length) and will improve the viaduct's performance. The viaduct, which was built 40 years ago, was designed to support the passage of vehicles weighing up to 16 tons, a figure that will increase to 40 tons after the

reform. The structure will also be waterproofed to extend the useful life of the viaduct, as the salt used for de-icing in winter will not penetrate as has happened so far. The estimated useful life of the road, once reformed, is 100 years.

**EFFECTS ON VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS** // While the work is being carried out, there will be, for safety reasons, restrictions on passa-

ge in the mentioned area. Therefore, access from Plaça Rebés to the Centre Ciutat and Vinyes car parks will be closed between February 19th and 23th and between February 26th and 28th. In this way, all those vehicles that want to enter the area will have to do so via Prat de la Creu street.

The passage of pedestrians between Plaça del Poble and Plaça Rebés will also be restricted (it will be diverted along Carrer de la Vinyeta or Rambla Molines) while the cranes are operational. Likewise, on the afternoons of February 26th and 27th, the Congress Center and the Government's administrative building will be closed, while work is being done on the lower part of the viaduct and the beams fly over the two buildings.

**A VERY COMPLEX WORK** // In this way, and as indicated, the forecast is that the comprehensive rehabili-

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tation of the viaduct will end this May, thus maintaining the initial calendars. It should be noted that this is a very complex work that was awarded in August 2022 and that has gone through several changes throughout its execution, until reaching the moment in which it is currently.

In the first phase of the work, and once the upper part of the road was removed, it was possible to access previously inaccessible places and it was detected that the damage to some structural elements such as the beams and lintels of the pillars was much more serious than expected. For this same reason, it was determined that the project had to be modified and the initial contract extended to guarantee a much deeper reconstruction. ≡

OBITUARY

# The photographer Jordi Pujol dies, recognized figure in Andorra

Pujol passed away on Wednesday night at the age of 60

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The photographer Jordi Pujol from Spain passed away this Wednesday night at the age of 60. Pujol had been part of several political and social events in the country as a photographer, as well as in some media. In addition, he was also the founder of FotoLab, the shop located on Verge de Canòlich avenue in Sant Julià de Lòria, later moving to Copríncep de Gaulle avenue in Escaldes-Engordany, with the shop Jordi Pujol Photographies.

The vigil was held last Thurs-

day, in the rooms of the funeral home in Escaldes, between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. On the other hand, the funeral mass will be today, at 11.00 am, in the church of Sant Pere Màrtir in the same parish.

**The funeral mass** will be today, Friday, at 11:00 a.m., in the church of Sant Pere Màrtir in Escaldes-Engordany

**A LIFETIME DEDICATED TO PHOTOGRAPHY** // Pujol trained at the National University of Distance Education (UNED), opening his first photographic studio in Andorra in Sant Julià de Lòria, under the name FotoLab. He later moved to Escaldes-Engordany, where he created Jordi Pujol Photographies, a second studio that he combined for a while with the first. In addition, he also worked for several companies in the country offering his services, such as the Superior Council of Justice (CSJ), as well as for several media, among which is EL PERIÒDIC. In this company, Pujol collaborated on some of the covers of En Femení (EFSTYLE), taking some of his photo sessions. ≡



► The photographer Jordi Pujol.

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