

project update

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Environmental Matters

Mitigating our works

The Project Team is committed to ensuring best practice on Environmental matters.

Each month, we will keep you up to date with initiatives we are implementing.



This is an image of one of the local badgers caught on our wildlife cameras. We are using the cameras to monitor suspected badger setts and other habitats to make sure our works are not disturbing the animals in and around our working areas.



Head Office Takes Shape



The AWPR/B-T head office, which will be based in Stonehaven, is quickly taking shape. Greenwell Equipment, based in Aberdeen, is in the process of delivering and assembling 60 large modular office blocks.

The head office will accommodate office-based workers from Aberdeen Roads Limited, the Contracting Authority Site Representatives, Transport Scotland and the AWPR/B-T Managing Agent.

The modular buildings are being assembled in a two-level format to provide office accommodation for up to 200 staff.

Traffic Management

It is important to us that you are kept up to date with what is happening on the roads throughout the project. We will therefore be providing Traffic Scotland, the Emergency Services, Local Authorities, Aberdeen Airport, RAC and AA, and the local radio stations with advance notification of major traffic management plans.

All major Traffic Management updates and project information can be found at the project website at: www.transportscotland.gov.uk/awpr-bt



Communicating the project

We will provide you with information on the AWPR/B-T works throughout the construction works. The Transport Scotland website will be updated regularly to supply you information, but in addition we will communicate via:

- Quarterly Newsletters
- Flyers advising of significant future works
- Public Exhibitions
- Information Boards
- Contact & Education Space – details will be made available soon
- Community Liaison Team

Should you have any enquiries, please contact us on 0800 058 8350 or via email enquiries@aberdeenroads.com

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



What benefits will the new AWPR/B-T bring?

The road will significantly improve road safety, congestion and travel times in and around Aberdeen, as well as bring long term economic benefits across the whole of the north east. When complete, it is expected to carry more than 43,000 vehicles through its busiest sections.

What is the overall cost?

The overall project cost remains at £745 million with a 30 year O&M (Operation and Maintenance) obligation.

How many people will be employed?

We expect there to be around 1500 people employed at the peak of the project. This will also include places for graduates, apprentices and placements for Government Back to Work schemes.

Should you be interested in working with us on the AWPR/B-T project please email us at recruitment@awprcjv.com, or call us on 0800 058 8350 for further information.

How can I find out more information about the project?

You can visit the Transport Scotland website (www.transportscotland.gov.uk/awpr-bt) where you will find general information on the scheme as well as updates and newsletters as work progresses.

Who do I contact if I have any queries?

We have a 24 hour enquiries line to assist with any queries or complaints. You can reach us on 0800 058 8350.

When will the work start?

Works have already started in the form of ground investigation, ecological surveys and mitigation, noise monitoring, landowner and community liaison as well as preliminary fencing, which will outline the route. We expect ground works to commence in spring 2015.

How long will it last?

Works are expected to be completed by Winter 2017.



Welcome to the first edition of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie to Tipperty (AWPR/B-T) project newsletter.

I'm Alan Gibson, General Manager for Aberdeen Roads Limited. I will start off with some introductions and background to the parties involved in the delivery of this exciting and much anticipated project.

Aberdeen Roads Limited (formerly known as Connect Roads) has been formed by the three Investment Companies of Balfour Beatty, Carillion and Galliford Try. Our role is to manage and finance the initial design and construction of the project. Ultimately, we will take over the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the roads for a thirty year period until 2047. The roads would then be handed back to the Scottish Ministers and become part of the national trunk road network for Scotland.

The project has been procured under the Scottish Government's NPDP (Non Profit Distributing) contract model and we achieved Financial Close on 12 December 2014. As part of our proposals, we entered into a design and construction contract with our respective construction companies: Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering, Carillion Civil Engineering and Galliford Try Infrastructure trading as Morrison Construction who are now collectively known as AWPR.

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First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon and the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Keith Brown.

WORKS BEGIN

In cutting the first 'sod' at Balmedie, the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced that works on the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie to Tipperty project have started.

The First Minister said: "This is a landmark day for the north east, with the construction of the largest road scheme of its kind anywhere in the UK now underway."

"As the oil and gas capital of Europe, Aberdeen is a major driver for the Scottish economy and I am determined we do all we can to improve infrastructure and transport links to ease commutes, boost business and keep Aberdeen internationally competitive."

"The scheme is already bringing short-term economic benefits through £221 million of sub-contracts, either put to the market or soon to be advertised, and longer-term benefits estimated to bring £6 billion of investment and 14,000 jobs to the north east over the next thirty years."

"During construction alone, the bypass is expected to bring around 1,500 jobs during its peak, and over 100 training and vocational places which will ensure our young people get valuable opportunities to enter the workplace. Scotland has the highest employment and economic activity rates, and lowest unemployment, including youth unemployment, of any of the four nations in the UK – and

it's clear the Aberdeen bypass is contributing to this success.

"The start of work today is a big win for local communities, businesses, and road users and will bring much needed early relief to the congestion we see in and around Aberdeen on a daily basis."

Contact Us

Should you wish to know more about the project please visit our project website at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/awpr-bt, where you can sign up for the Ezine, Route Ahead, as well as project-related alerts. Alternatively, call us on 0800 058 8350 or email enquiries@aberdeenroads.com

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Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and Balmedie to Tipperty

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Construction Joint Venture (the AWPR CJV). In the coming months you will see the works starting to take shape at various locations to the west of the city.

The construction phase of the works is scheduled to be complete in winter 2017. Some sections of the new roads will be opened prior to this, on a phased basis. The Craibstone and Dyce Junctions are due to open by autumn 2016 and Balmedie to Tipperty by spring 2017.

The AWPR CJV currently has a team of almost 300 designers and site staff engaged on the project who are working on the mobilisation and procurement plans associated with the largest roads construction project in the UK at this time.

In the next few months you will see construction activities on site such as fencing, site clearance, establishment of office complexes and various utility company equipment diversions and associated traffic management around the area.

PROJECT INFORMATION



These works will take place prior to the mobilisation of the large earth-moving plant which will arrive on site by early summer to start the major element of the works. Notices, in the form of letters or flyers, will be distributed to areas most impacted by each of the appropriate sections of the works.

During the construction phase, we have also assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the existing A90 from the roundabout at Murcar north to Ellon roundabout. This section of road closely interfaces with our construction works for the Balmedie to Tipperty section of the project. Our O&M Works Contractor, Balfour Beatty Regional Civil Engineering, has established a depot in Ellon to deliver the services and you will no doubt see its Aberdeen Roads liveried vehicles patrolling the route.

We fully understand the potential impact such a major project can have on travel times and the communities close to the new route, but aim to be a good neighbour as we have a long-standing commitment to Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

The construction works comprise the following:
AWPR/B-T

- Construction of approximately 46km of new two and three lane all-purpose dual carriageway;
- Construction of approximately 1km of widening of existing two lane all-purpose dual carriageway;
- Adaptation of two existing grade separated junctions, construction of six new grade separated junctions, and construction of one new at-grade junction at Cleanhill;
- Construction of structures, including two new major river crossings, a new railway bridge, and demolition of two existing Trunk Road bridges;
- Construction of new and realignment of existing side roads, access roads and pedestrian/cycle paths;
- Construction of approximately 9km of new two lane all-purpose dual carriageway from Balmedie to Tipperty;
- Improvement of approximately 3km of existing two lane all-purpose dual carriageway;
- Construction of three new grade separated junctions;
- Construction of structures including crossings;
- Construction of new and realignment of existing side roads, access roads and pedestrian/cycle paths;
- Communications infrastructure, electrical work, variable message signs;
- Traffic management; accommodation works; and all other works generally associated with a major trunk road scheme.

Given the scale and scope of the works, the project team understand the importance of a cohesive approach to ensure smooth, seamless progression of the construction works along with other organisations including Network Rail and utility companies, and to deliver our commitment to community engagement.

Target Completion Date – Winter 2017.

WORKING WITH AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY



Graduates and trainees at sod-cutting event

With an expected workforce of around 1500 required at operational peak, there will be opportunities for employment, training and development. The project team are committed to providing a positive legacy for the people of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and will encourage diversity, inclusivity and equality in our recruitment and training practices.

To encourage interest in the project and offer positive life-changing opportunities to local people, we are actively engaging with a number of local organisations, including:

Robert Gordon University
University of Aberdeen
North East Colleges
Northfield Academy
Aberdeen City Council
JobCentre Plus
Aberdeen Foyer
Community Regeneration Group
RFEA (The Forces Employment Charity)
WorkingRite
Transform Scotland
SRUC
Roots & Shoots

We have already recruited the following people in addition to key project personnel:

- 19 Graduates
- 3 Student Placements (RGU)
- 4 Trainees/Apprentices
- 3 Work Placements (WorkingRite)

If you have an interest in working on this project, then please contact our HR team on 0800 058 8350 or email recruitment@awprcjv.com

Making a Difference

The Project team is passionate about 'giving back' and our people are committed to helping the community wherever they can. This is demonstrated by those dedicating their personal time to volunteering: mountain rescue, lifeboat, community development, Girl Guides, Scouts, etc. We will tell you more about our volunteers in future updates.

In addition, the team are keen to assist local charities and organisations in need:

Barnardo's – money raised in sponsorship of Daily Abs-Crunch Challenge undertaken by Jeanine Maindron (Head of HR) and Ali Reid (Executive Assistant).

Just Giving for Cornerstone – range of gifts donated by project team delivered by Roy Pearson (CSR Director) and Julie Maund (Community Liaison Officer).

Aberdeen Green Space – donations as a result of a successful Swapshop with Cake event run as part of the Zero Waste Scotland Pass It On Week.



Colin McNeil (South Section Foreman) in front of one of the lifesaving craft that he helps crew.



Community Liaison

An essential part of our work is to inform and engage with the public and all affected parties along the route of the AWPR/B-T and beyond.

Heading up the Community Liaison Team is Community Liaison Officer, Julie Maund. Julie comes with a wealth of experience in Customer Service, Communications and Community Liaison within the construction industry and is relishing the challenge ahead.

She said: "I am delighted to be part of such an exciting landmark project. We have a big challenge ahead of us, we are here to ensure that proactive community liaison and good communication is at the heart of everything we do. In the next few months we will be running exhibitions along the route and we are looking forward to getting out and meeting as many of you as possible."

We will be introducing the rest of the Community Liaison Team in future editions of our newsletter.



Julie Maund