



Forth Replacement Crossing project update

September 2011



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE PROPOSED QUEENSFERRY JUNCTION, COURTESY OF FCBC.

Community Forums established

Transport Scotland has established a series of regular community forums for the Forth Replacement Crossing as part its commitments under the project's Code of Construction Practice.

These forums are chaired by Transport Scotland and bring together representatives from affected communities and the contractors as a means to proactively share information about the project and agree approaches to community engagement and consultation.

Following a consultation workshop attended by representatives from local community councils and interest groups, it was decided to establish the following three geographically focussed forums:

North Forum – Focusing on the area covered by Rosyth, Inverkeithing and North Queensferry community councils.

South Forum – Focusing on the area covered by Queensferry and District and Newton community councils.

M9 Junction 1a Forum – Focusing on the area covered by Kirkliston Community Council.

Two meetings have already been held for each of the North and South Forums and one for the M9 Junction 1a Forum. The next meetings are scheduled as follows:

North Forum: 1 November.

South Forum: 2 November.

M9 Junction 1a Forum: 8 November.

(Further information will be available in due course from the project website.)

The forums have standing members from local Community Councils and other organisations and members of the public are welcome to attend as observers. The forums will be held on a quarterly basis as a minimum. All meeting papers and Terms of Reference for the Forums are published on the project website at www.forthreplacementcrossing.info

Business event hailed a success

An event aimed at helping local businesses make the most of potential supply chain and sub-contract opportunities has been hailed a success.

The 'Meet the Buyer' event on 2 August offered businesses the opportunity to meet directly with buyers from the three major FRC contractors.

Over a hundred businesses, ranging from local construction contractors to catering suppliers, attended the event hosted by Transport Scotland and Public Contracts Scotland.

Carlo Germani, Project Director for FCBC said it had been a highly productive day:

"There are definite benefits in using local suppliers for certain things on a project like the FRC. This event was really useful and many of the businesses we met offer services that could be really beneficial to us during the five-year construction period."

"The sheer scale of the Forth Replacement Crossing project means there will no doubt be tremendous opportunities, either through direct

sub-contracts or the supply chain, and FCBC is looking forward to working with local, high quality Scottish businesses"

All FRC sub-contracts are required to be advertised through the Public Contracts Scotland Portal and businesses are encouraged to ensure they are signed up to the site to stay up to date with any potential opportunities.

Speaking on behalf of Public Contracts Scotland, Gary Robinson from Scottish Government said:

"This was another really successful event, following the briefing for local businesses that was held in January. There is a real appetite among local suppliers to market themselves proactively and take advantage of the opportunities created during the construction of this iconic project."

"Businesses who don't want to miss out should register on the PCS website at: www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk Registration is free, only takes a few minutes and will ensure registered businesses are alerted to any relevant contracts and subcontracts."

MEET THE CONTRACTOR

Events introduce contractors to community

Two 'Meet the Contractor' events are being organised to introduce local communities to the organisations that will be delivering the Forth Replacement Crossing project.

Both events will take the form of an afternoon drop-in exhibition event that will allow visitors to speak directly to representatives from the contractors and Transport Scotland's Employer's Delivery Team, followed by a more formal evening presentation and question and answer session. This format was agreed at the FRC Community Forums to be the best way of ensuring as many people as possible have the opportunity to attend.

The events will be held on the north and south of the Forth on



the following dates:

South: 13 Sept, Orocco Pier, South Queensferry: 1pm to 6pm (public exhibition) and 7pm to 8.30pm (presentation followed by Q&A).

North: 14 Sept Brook Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry: 1pm to 6pm (public exhibition) and 7pm to 8.30pm (presentation followed by Q&A).

For more detailed information about these events, please visit our website at www.forthreplacementcrossing.info or call the project hotline on 0800 078 6910.



ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF THE NEW CROSSING, COURTESY OF FCBC.

Contacting the FRC Team

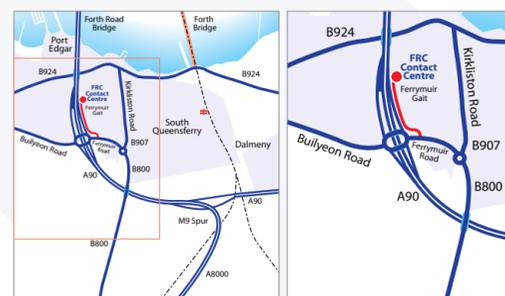
There are a range of ways you can ask questions, provide comments, make a complaint or find out more about the Forth Replacement Crossing project. You can:

Call the dedicated project hotline on 0800 078 6910

Email our new enquiries email address at enquiries@forthreplacementcrossing.info

Log on to the project website at www.forthreplacementcrossing.info

Drop in to our temporary contact centre located at Forth Road Bridge Administration Office, South Queensferry, West Lothian, EH30 9SF.



Construction will soon commence on Scotland's biggest infrastructure project for a generation following the completion of a two-year procurement process that has delivered significant savings on the scheme's previous expected cost.

All three main contracts that make up the FRC project have now been awarded, with all three successful bids coming in under budget.

The Principal Contract to build the new bridge and connecting roads was awarded to the Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC) consortium with a successful tender price of £790 million, significantly below the original estimated price range of £900 million to £1.2 billion.

The contract to install elements of the project's Intelligent Transport System (ITS) on the M90 in Fife was awarded to John Graham (Dromore) Ltd, with a successful tender price of £12.9 million, below the original £15

WORK BEGINNING ON NEW FORTH CROSSING

FRC Project on schedule and under budget

million to £22 million estimated range.

Finally, the contract to upgrade M9 Junction 1a at Kirkliston has been awarded to a consortium between John Sisk and Roadbridge with a successful tender price of £25.6 million, again substantially below the estimated price range of £45 million to £65 million.

The lower than expected costs of these contracts means the total estimated cost range of delivering the FRC project is now £1.45 billion to £1.60 billion, a substantial reduction on the previous estimate of £1.7 billion to £2.3 billion.

FRC Project Director David Climie said: "In less than three years this project has successfully gone from the drawing board to

public consultation, achieved parliamentary approval and completed procurement, meeting the challenging schedule first set out in 2008 and delivering a substantial saving to Scotland's capital budget. This is a significant achievement and testament to the robust and competitive procurement process put in place.

"The Forth Replacement Crossing is an essential project that will maintain a vital link in Scotland's transport network, protect the Scottish economy and secure thousands of jobs.

"We have world class road building, bridge building and civil engineering firms working across all three contracts. Transport Scotland's Employer's Delivery Team will continue to maintain oversight of the project throughout its construction

and will be overseeing the contractors on site from August 2011.

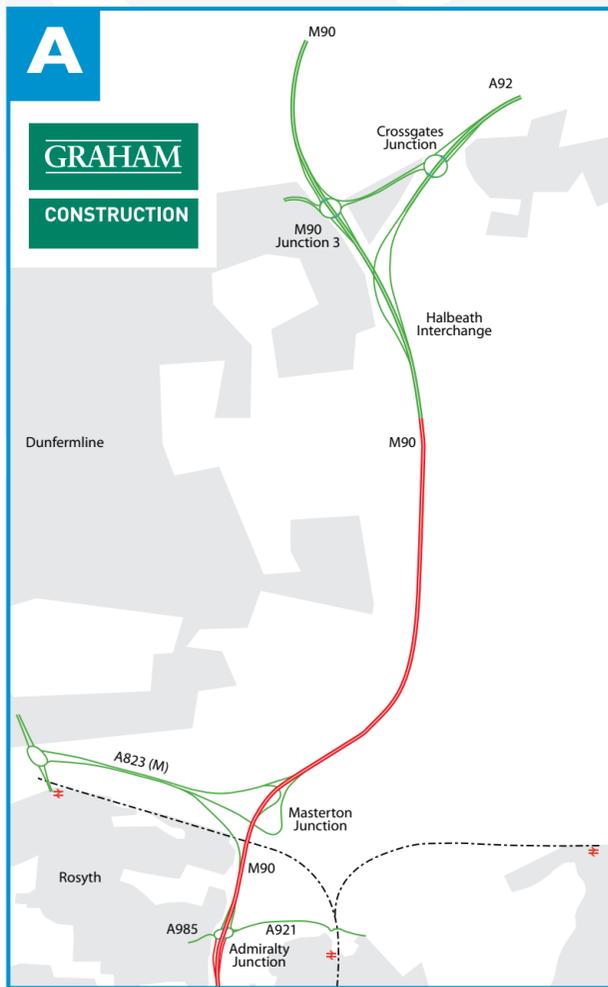
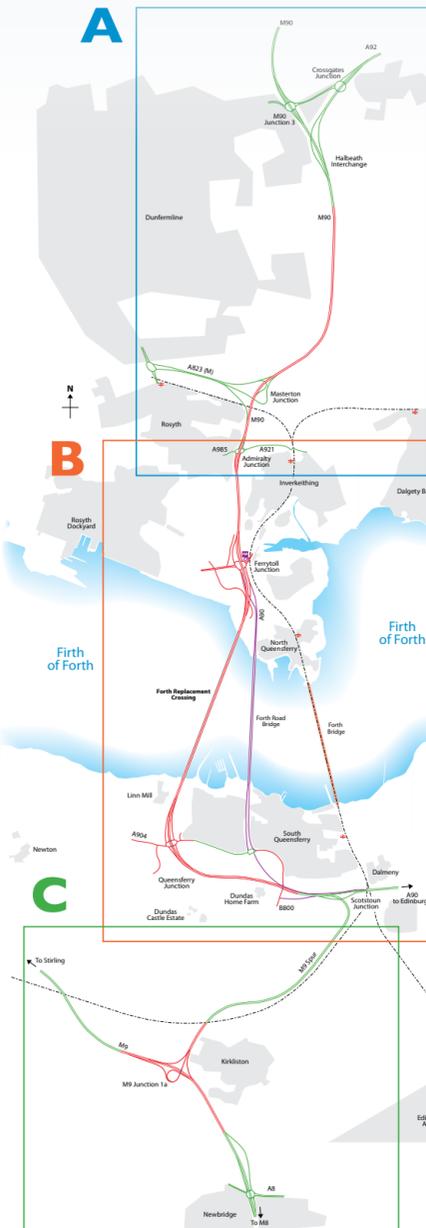
"The project remains on schedule to deliver a new crossing across the Forth by 2016 and construction on all three contracts will begin in earnest over the coming months. We are determined to ensure this essential project remains on time and on budget."



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FRC CONTRACTS EXPLAINED

The three main FRC contracts in detail



Fife ITS Contract	
Contractor	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd
Designer	Mouchel and Gifford
Checker	URS Scott Wilson
Contract Start/End Dates	10 June 2011 - July 2012 (13 months)
Contract Value	£12.9 million



FRC Principal Contract	
Contractor	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)
Designer	Ramboll, Grontmij, Gifford and Leonhart Andra & Partner (LAP)
Checker	URS Scott Wilson & Aecom
Contract Start/End Dates	18 April 2011 - Dec 2016 (68 months)
Contract Value	£790 million

Fife ITS

What
Installation of Intelligent Transport System gantries on M90 between the Admiralty and Halbeath Junctions in Fife and provision for southbound bus hardshoulder running.

Who
John Graham (Dromore) Ltd.

When
Construction will begin in autumn 2011 and is scheduled for completion in summer 2012.

FRC Principal Contract

What
Construction of new cable-stayed crossing across the Forth and connecting roads.

Who
Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors consortium, comprising Hochtief, Dragados, American Bridge International and Morrison.

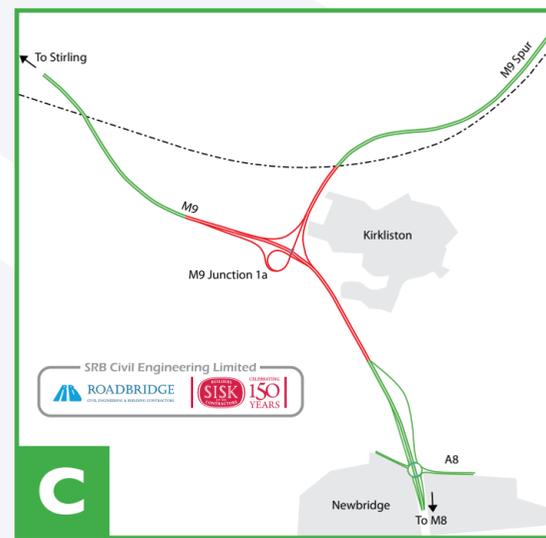
When
Construction will begin in autumn 2011 and is scheduled for completion in 2016.

M9 Junction 1a

What
Upgrade and improvements to M9 Junction 1a at Kirkliston including new west facing slip roads to the M9.

Who
Sisk Roadbridge Civil Engineering Ltd.

When
Construction will begin in autumn 2011 and is scheduled for completion in 2013.



M9 Junction 1a Contract	
Contractor	Sisk Roadbridge (SRB)
Designer	Gifford
Checker	WSP
Contract Start/End Dates	20 July 2011 - March 2013 (20 months)
Contract Value	£25.6 million

Employer's Delivery Team

What
The Employer's Delivery Team (EDT) will be operational on site across all three contracts to monitor progress, quality and adherence to the Forth Crossing Act.

Who
Transport Scotland and its consultants, Jacobs Arup.

When
The EDT is already co-located on site and will remain in place until the successful completion of the project.



Contact and Education Centre update

City of Edinburgh Council has given planning consent for a dedicated Contact and Education Centre for the Forth Replacement Crossing.

The proposals will see a purpose built, 1200m² dual-use facility developed on land adjacent to the Forth Road Bridge administration office at South Queensferry at an estimated cost of around £3.8 million. Land for the development is being provided by the Forth Estuary Transport Authority (FETA), who operate and maintain the existing bridge.

The Centre will act as a central point for public information and consultation during the FRC construction process, in line with the requirements of the project's Code of Construction Practice (CoCP), as well as providing space for a visitor exhibition on the project and conducting educational activities around the construction.

In addition, the planned building will provide a new permanent home for Traffic Scotland's National Control Centre that will monitor the operation of Scotland's trunk road network including acting as a coordinating hub during emergencies, disruption and periods of severe weather.

FRC Project Director David Climie said: "Proactive public consultation, engagement and the sharing of information has been central to the FRC project's development to date and we are committed to providing a Contact and Education Centre that offers the public a dedicated facility for information, education and consultation purposes during construction."

"This facility will be an important place for people to get up to date information about the project and speak directly to representatives from Transport Scotland's FRC team and its contractors."

Transport Scotland officials have been working closely with FETA, the authority that maintains and operates the existing Forth Road Bridge, in developing the proposals for the Contact and Education Centre.

Phil Wheeler, FETA Vice-Convenor said: "It has

been a long-held ambition of the bridge authority to see a high quality visitor facility established for the Forth bridges. The new bridge will be of huge interest during construction and, once complete, we will have a unique visitor attraction in three major bridges from three consecutive centuries.

"The Contact and Education Centre will play a central role in engaging and educating the public, as well as bringing jobs to the local area. That's why we're giving it our full support and making all the necessary land and access available."

Local representatives have also supported the proposals and welcomed being consulted before plans were finalised.

Martin Gallagher of Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) said: "QDCC are pleased to have had the opportunity to comment on the Contact & Education Centre proposals prior to the planning application being submitted and we recognise the efforts of Transport Scotland to meet the community's aspirations for a high quality, landmark building for the site. The integration of the Traffic Scotland National Control Centre will help ensure a long-term role for the building, bringing a legacy potential after the bridge construction activities are complete, such as a Forth Bridges visitor centre."

The tender process for this project is nearly complete, with four tenderers currently undergoing technical and quality evaluation, prior to consideration of their financial bids.

The contract is expected to be awarded at the start of September, with construction commencing soon afterwards. The centre is due to open to the public in autumn 2012.

In the meantime, Transport Scotland has established a temporary contact centre within FETA's offices at South Queensferry that will act as hub for community engagement and enquiries until the permanent building is established. More information on the temporary contact centre and how to contact it is included on the back page of this newsletter.

Legend

- New/Improved Roads
- Existing Carriageway
- Waterbodies
- Airport
- Railway Station
- Park and Ride
- Railway
- Proposed Public Transport Links