

A77 Maybole Bypass

Project newsletter



Topsoil stripping works

Welcome



Welcome to the first newsletter for the A77 Maybole Bypass project.

I am delighted to have been appointed as Project

Manager for this project. I have worked for Wills Bros for a number of years and I'm keen to utilise the experience I've gained on infrastructure projects which range from major motorway contracts, road realignments, site developments and the leisure and public amenity sector, to construct this project.

Wills Bros is a diverse civil engineering contracting company at the forefront of

infrastructure development. Over the past 40 years, Wills Bros has steadily and sustainably grown to be a highly successful international organisation and a leading civil engineering contractor with over 300 employees. We are pleased to have been awarded the Maybole contract by Transport Scotland in April this year. We have been tasked to deliver the construction of a 5.2km new single carriageway, which will also include three roundabouts at Smithston, Culzean and Broomknowes, an underpass and three structures at Gardenrose Path, Kirklandhill Path and Alloway Road.

As Project Manager in charge of a

highly skilled and dedicated workforce, I can say that the team will strive to ensure that there is as little disruption or inconvenience caused as possible during the construction phase. I would like to thank you on behalf of the project team for your continued co-operation and understanding.

Completion of the project is expected in the summer of 2021. I will keep you updated on the progress of work throughout construction on the A77 Maybole Bypass project.

John Stephens, A77 Maybole Bypass, Project Manager, Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd



Work underway on the A77 Maybole Bypass



Aerial view of the site compound

Work starts on A77 Maybole Bypass

EARTHWORKS

On the 22 May 2019, Wills Bros and local community members were pleased to join the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson in an event to mark the start of work on the A77 Maybole Bypass project.

Mr Matheson cut the first sod to break ground on the new bypass which will be built to the north of Maybole.

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson, said:

“The local community will benefit from opportunities created for small and medium enterprises to bid for subcontractor roles and the provision

of at least four vocational and seven professional, site-based training opportunities.

“The contractor anticipates that the project could employ up to 165 people during the months of peak construction activity.

“We recognise the strategic importance of providing good transport links on the major routes to the key port at Cairnryan. This announcement continues to build upon the significant investment already delivered across 10 improvement projects since 2007 on the A77 and A75.

“Delivering the Maybole Bypass will provide better journey time reliability

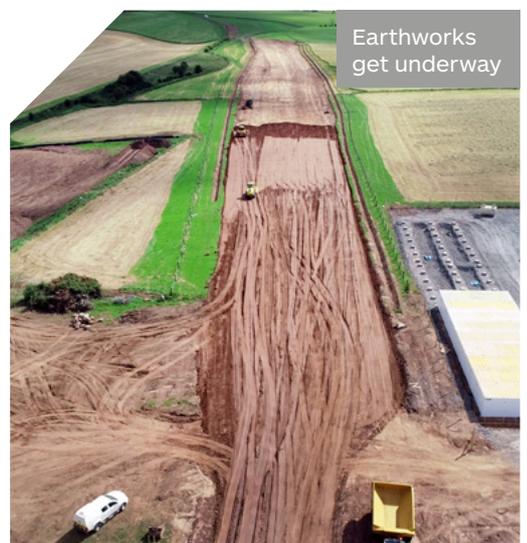


John Stephens, Project Manager Wills Bros, Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and Gavin Dyet, Transport Scotland Project Sponsor on site

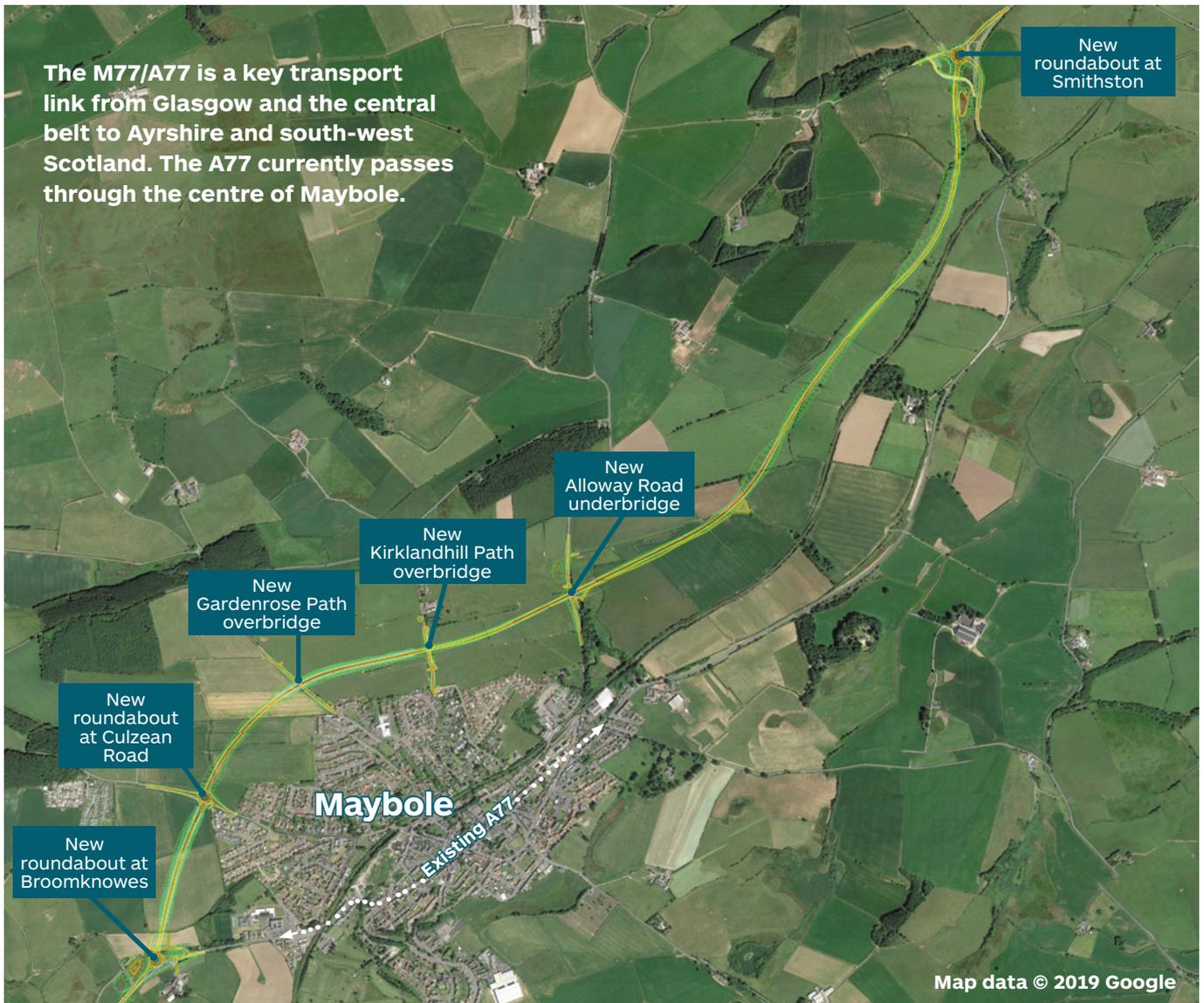
for road users as well as improved safety and environmental benefits for the local community.”



Members of the local community attended site to mark the start of works with Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity



Earthworks get underway



The M77/A77 is a key transport link from Glasgow and the central belt to Ayrshire and south-west Scotland. The A77 currently passes through the centre of Maybole.

The work will include delivering 5.2km of single carriageway to the north-west of Maybole, with associated junctions.

This will include additional opportunities for overtaking, new roundabouts at the tie-ins to the existing A77 at Broomknowes, Smithston, and at B7023 Culzean Road.

There will be an underpass at

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Broomknowes Roundabout and three structures will be built at Gardenrose Path, Kirklandhill Path and Alloway Road. Climbing lanes will also be provided on sections of the carriageway.

As most of the construction work will

take place off-line, it is anticipated that temporary disruption for road users will be most significant when the new bypass requires to be connected to the existing A77 trunk road.

Upon its completion, the Maybole Bypass will provide better journey time reliability for road users, as well as improved safety and environmental benefits for the local community.



Public information session

We would like to invite members of the local community to attend a drop-in session in November.

There will be representatives from the contractor's site team and Transport Scotland who will be available to provide you with an update on construction progress and answer any other project related questions that you may have.

The event will be held on **Tuesday 19 November 2019** from **4pm to 8pm** at the **Carrick Centre, Culzean Road, Maybole KA19 7DE.**



Schools programme

We have exciting plans to engage with local primary, secondary schools and colleges over the duration of the project. We want to speak to young people on a wide variety of subjects including safety in the community, encouraging young people to consider a career in the construction industry, to sustainability and protecting the environment.

Looking ahead

We have completed most of the preparation work including the construction of the site compound, fencing and earthwork operations. Work is underway preparing for the future bridge construction and installation of culverts. The focus for the Maybole project team over the coming months will include:

- Constructing permanent fencing along the carriageway
- Site clearance, topsoil stripping and progressing the earthworks programme
- Diversion of public utilities to facilitate construction works
- Constructing haul routes for the earthworks programme
- Drainage and culvert work
- Design and preparatory works for the three principal structures being built at Gardenrose Path, Kirklandhill Path and Alloway Road
- Planning and installing traffic management operations to facilitate project works.

Keeping you informed

The project will have a dedicated Community Liaison Officer, Bridget Casey, who is committed to keeping the local community informed as the work progresses.

Bridget has worked in the construction industry for many years and on a number of major infrastructure projects. Her role on the A77 Maybole Bypass project will include liaising with the community, particularly anyone directly affected by the work, to ensure as little disruption as possible to local residents and the wider community.

She will also be developing the Wills Bros Community Benefit Programme and employment skills plan, to create local job opportunities and training placements and will interact with local schools on a range of environmental projects and initiatives.



Community Liaison Officer Bridget Casey

In brief

CEEQUAL

Our sustainability team will be undertaking a CEEQUAL assessment on the project. CEEQUAL is an evidence-based sustainability assessment, rating and awards scheme for civil engineering, infrastructure, landscaping and public realm projects. We want to demonstrate our efforts and raise the bar in best practice.



As part of the evaluation, we will be aiming to reduce waste, carbon emissions, supporting local businesses and ultimately, ensure we leave an environmental legacy through the development of the project.

FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

If you have any matters you wish to raise concerning the A77 Maybole Bypass project, please contact: Bridget Casey, Community Liaison Officer, at: bridgetcasey@willsbros.com or on our freephone number: **0800 118 1661**

For more information on the project please visit:

transport.gov.scot/projects/a77-maybole-bypass



Considerate constructors

The site is pleased to be registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (www.ccscheme.org.uk).

The scheme aims to provide contractors with a Code of Considerate Practice which has been developed to encourage best practice beyond statutory construction industry requirements.

