

Extract from the Infrastructure Investment Plan 2015 progress report, dated 19 April 2018

The latest versions of both the IIP Project Pipeline and the IIP Major Capital Projects Progress Update publications can be found by way of the following link:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Finance/18232/IIP>

Progress to March 2018

Major infrastructure improvements have been delivered and significant progress continues to be made. In total over the course of 2017 and up to March 2018, the following infrastructure projects worth £3 billion opened to the public or completed construction within our project pipeline:

Transport

- A9 Kincaig to Dalraddy (£45 million).

Particular highlights in this progress report include:

- The first section of A9 dualling programme opened in September 2017 as work finished on the construction of the A9 Kincaig to Dalraddy. This is a significant milestone towards achieving a dual-carriageway on the A9 all the way from Perth to Inverness by 2025.

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A9 Dualling Perth to Inverness

The work is continuing across the route and road users are already benefiting from the new £45 million dualled stretch between Kincaig and Dalraddy (7.5km) which was made fully operational to traffic on 30 September 2017. Landscaping and other finishing works on Kincaig to Dalraddy are progressing and due for completion in Spring 2018.

Procurement of the second section to be dualled between Luncarty to Pass of Birnam is underway and we expect the main construction contract to be awarded in the first half of 2018. The procurement of an A9 Advance Works framework agreement is also currently underway. This will enable advance works to commence on both Luncarty to Pass of Birnam and other A9 schemes over the next four years.

Divided into 3 separate lots, both Lot 1 and Lot 3 Framework Agreements are expected to be concluded shortly, and the tender for Lot 2 is expected to be issued shortly. Advanced archaeological works started on Luncarty to Pass of Birnam in March 2018.

Design work on the remaining 9 schemes of the dualling programme is well advanced with over 90 per cent of the dualling programme having now reached preferred route status. In November and December 2017 draft Orders were

Inquiry into A9 Dualling Programme – documents provided by Transport Scotland

published for four dualling schemes representing around 30 miles of the 80 miles to be dualled.

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Particular highlights of the report include the opening of the Queensferry Crossing, the M8 M73 M74 Motorway Improvements Project and the first section of A9 Dualling Programme (Kincraig to Dalraddy).

Transport	A9 Dualling: Luncarty to Pass of Birnam *	<u>In Procurement</u> . Planned construction start date has slipped by 3 months due to the scope of required ground investigation works required by tenderers increased resulting in an extension to this period. Project is still expected to be operational in 2020.
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