



Bellshill and District Local Area  
Partnership  
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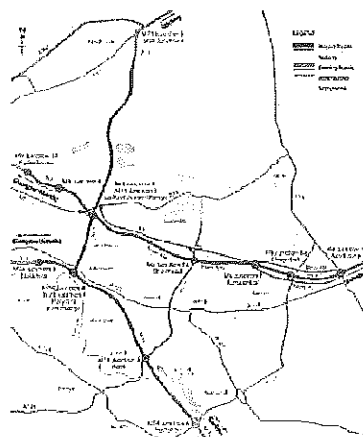


## Project Overview



The £500m project completes the Central Scotland Motorway Network:

- A new **M8 motorway** between Glasgow and Edinburgh
- Construction of **three** new junctions and the upgrade of **two** existing ones
- Major improvements to M74 **Raith & A8/M8 Shawhead Junctions**
- Upgrades to other key sections of the **M8, M73 and M74**



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### M8 Motorway: Baillieston to Newhouse

**New three lane dual carriageway**

- 5km offline motorway
- 5km online motorway

**Upgrade of existing A8**

- 5km new all-purpose road
- 5km incorporated in existing A8

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### A8 & New M8 Baillieston to Newhouse

- Construction of a new motorway between Baillieston and Newhouse to complete the M8
- Upgrade of the existing M8 motorway between Easterhouse and Baillieston

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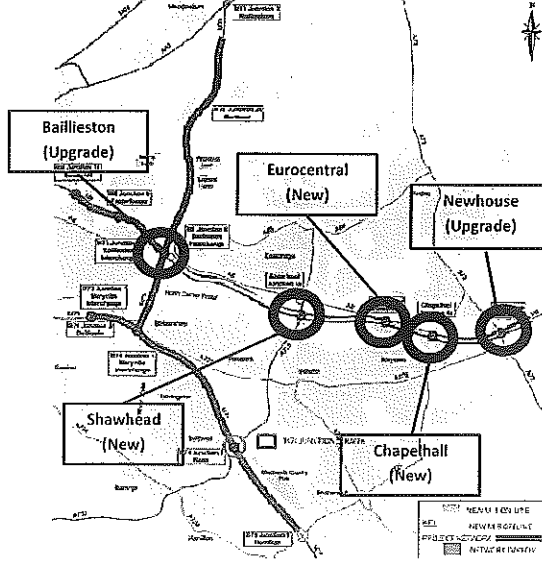
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### M8 motorway: upgrade of key junctions



**Other benefits**

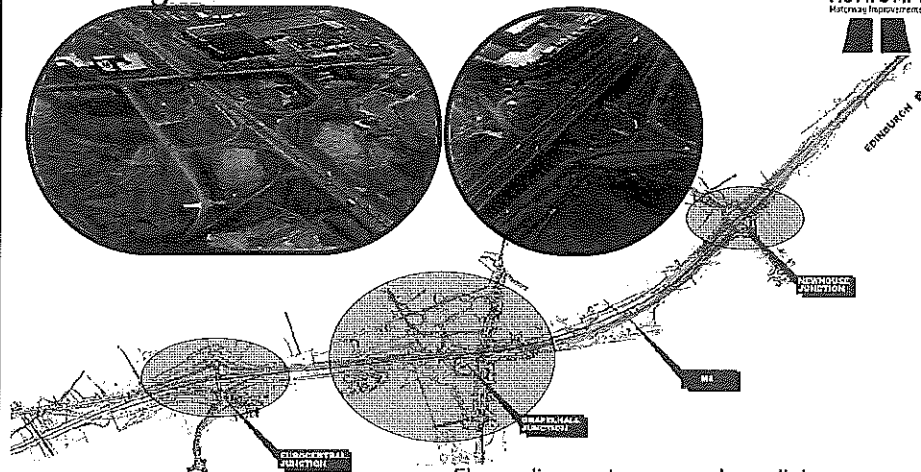
- Three new motorway junctions at Shawhead, Eurocentral and Chapelhall
- Two upgraded motorway junctions at Baillieston and Newhouse
- **13.5 km of cycle/pedestrian path**
- Two railway bridges
- 30 road structures, including a major crossing of the North Calder Water



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### M8 On-line Section



- 5km online motorway and parallel APRs
- Chapelhall, Newhouse & Eurocentral Junctions

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### M8 Off-line Section

M8 M73 M74  
Motorway Improvements

- 5km offline motorway
- Including new Shawhead Junction

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### Upgrades to the M8, M73 & M74

M8 M73 M74  
Motorway Improvements

**Other benefits:**  
widening of the existing motorways:

- **M8:** Junction 10 to Junction 8 (Baillieston)
- **M73:** Baillieston to Maryville
- **M74:** Daldowie to Raith (North & South) and Raith to Hamilton (South)

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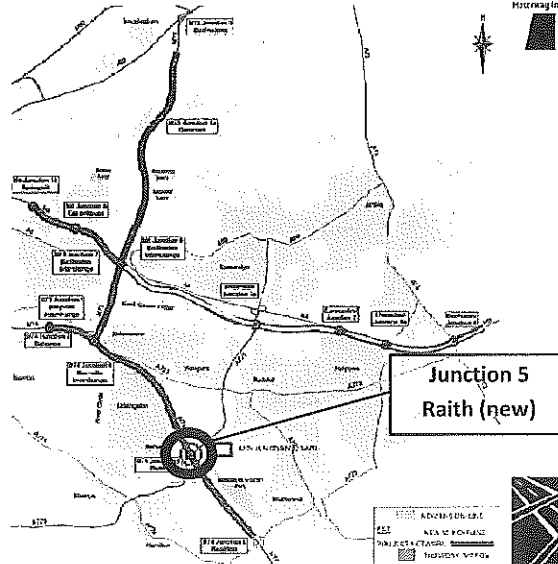
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## Improvement M74 Junction 5 (Raith)



### New A725 free flow underpass

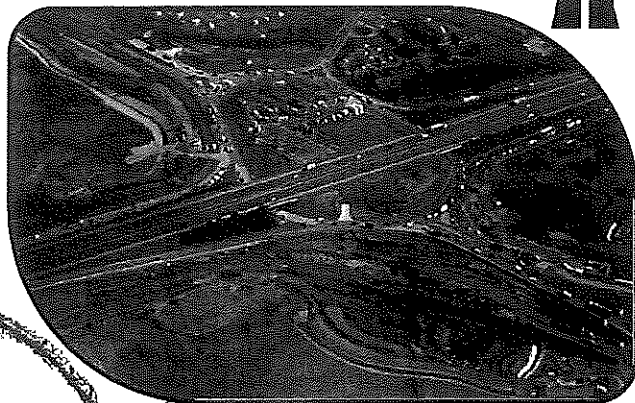
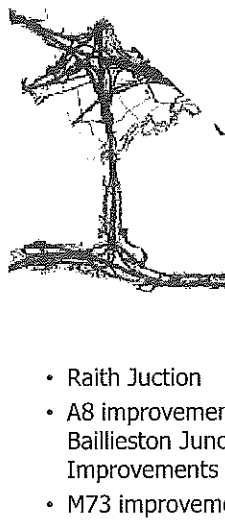
- 1.5km of free flow realignment for the A725 through the new constructed underpass
- Four new bridges
- *New cycle / pedestrian path linking Bothwell and Strathclyde Country Park*
- new 2.5km cycle / pedestrian path in Raith area



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## Raith and the Motorway Improvements



- Raith Junction
- A8 improvements and Baillieston Junction Improvements
- M73 improvements
- M74 improvements

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## Project Benefits



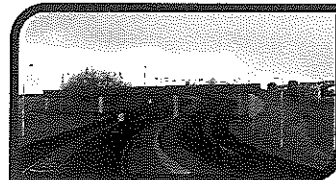
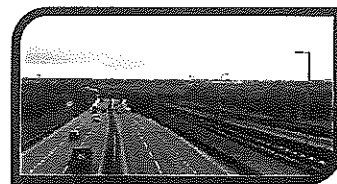
- Separates local and strategic traffic
- Reduces congestion
- Improves journey times and reliability for all users:
  - **M8 upgrade** - up to 20 minutes in peak periods
  - **Raith Junction Improvements** – up to 15-20 minutes
  - **Network Improvements** – M73 & M74
    - Up to 18 minutes for M80 to M74 in evening peak
    - Up to 6 minutes on M74 to M8 in morning peak
- Ensures **benefits** of recent M80 and M74 motorway upgrades are **maximised** by associated improvements at Raith, M73 and M74

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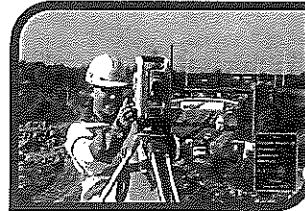
### When complete, the project will:

- Greatly **reduce journey times** at peak periods
- **Improve road safety** through the reduction of traffic on local roads
- Predicted reduction > 100 accidents per year
- Predicted accident **savings** >£118m over a 30 year period
- **Improve journey time reliability** through the central Scotland motorway network



## Community Benefits

- Helping to promote sustainable economic growth
- Supporting a significant number of construction jobs in the area
- Providing vocational training  
Apprentice site-based placements
- Providing professional (Graduate) training placements
- Undertaking professional engineering training
- Provide sustainable long term employment opportunities throughout the 30 year O&M



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## Traffic Management in your area

- Major traffic management will commence on A725, A8 and B7070 North Road, on approach to Shawhead Junction for approximately 14 months.
- Traffic management including contraflows, lane closures, diversions and speed restrictions will be implemented.
- This traffic management is necessary to allow the construction of the new Shawhead Junction which includes, on and off slip roads for the new M8 motorway, widening of the existing A725, a new tie-in road and structures for North Road (B7070), construction of the A725 bridge over the new M8 motorway and upgrade of the existing A8 bridge.

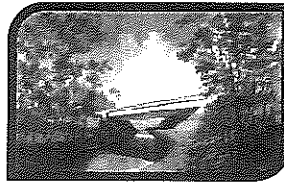
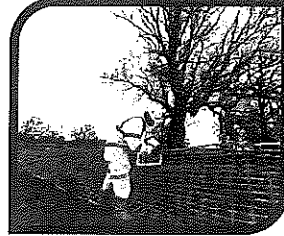
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- Ensure existing vegetation is retained where practicable
- New planting, where possible, will be included to mitigate the loss of existing vegetation
- Impacts from the project on noise, vibration and air pollution as a result of the works were subject to an environmental impact assessment
- Works are undertaken using best practice techniques to minimise any impacts on noise and vibration
- Where night working is required, we consult with the local authority's environmental department to seek permission prior to works being undertaken
- Further information relating to the environmental impact of the project can be found at the following link: [www.transportscotland.gov.uk/m8m73m74](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/m8m73m74)



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**Meet the team  
at the drop in day**

12:00 – 20:00  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
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