

The estimated scheme cost is between £295 million and £395 million, which is the out-turn cost at 2011 prices. The benefit to cost ratio (BCR) is 5:1.

The costs of the project are apportioned as follows:

- The costs of the Northern and Southern Legs are split between the Scottish Executive, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils. 81% of these costs will be met by the Scottish Executive. Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils will pay the remaining 19% between them.
- The Fastlink will be entirely funded by the Scottish Executive
- Maintenance for the whole scheme will be entirely funded by the Scottish Executive.

It is proposed that the road will be built under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) scheme, which means a private company meets the up-front costs of building the route and carrying out ongoing maintenance for a 30 year period. The councils and Scottish Executive pay the private company over this 30 year period.

