

Benefits

The M74 Completion project is a key part of the Scottish Government's programme of investment in transport infrastructure, delivering a wide range of benefits from helping to promote the sustainable economic growth of Scotland and bringing new jobs along the route, to reducing road accidents and improving the environment.

During the period of construction, this investment is directly supporting up to 900 jobs in the construction industry.

Economic

The M74 Completion helps grow Scotland's economy by:

- Reducing journey times and traffic congestion on roads throughout Renfrewshire and across Glasgow and South Lanarkshire
- Improving transport links in the west of Scotland, as well as to other parts of Scotland and to the UK generally. This will help businesses get their goods to market quicker thus enhancing their competitiveness
- Creating new jobs, particularly along the route but also across the west of Scotland
- Helping with the regeneration of the south and east of Glasgow, Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Renfrewshire
- Playing a key role in both the Clyde Gateway regeneration project and Scotland's delivery of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014



The Project

The M74 Completion project completes a vital missing link in the West of Scotland's motorway network between the end of the M74 at Fullarton Road Junction, near Carmyle and the M8 motorway west of the Kingston Bridge near Glasgow City Centre.

The new stretch of motorway will be 5 miles (8 kilometres) long and will comprise a dual three-lane carriageway with hard shoulders and dual two-lane motorway connections to the M8.

There will be a new two way junction at Kingston and new four-way junctions at Cambuslang Road and Polmadie Road. The existing junction at Fullarton Road will be upgraded to a four-way junction.

A total of 13 bridges will be required to allow the new motorway to cross the M8, existing rail lines, the River Clyde and local roads.

Construction started in May 2008 with completion expected in 2011.

The M74 Completion is a partnership project between principal funder Transport Scotland and partners Glasgow City Council, South Lanarkshire Council and Renfrewshire Council. Interlink M74 JV, a joint venture comprising Balfour Beatty, Morgan Est, Morrison Construction and Sir Robert McAlpine, is the design and construction contractor for the project.

Prior to construction, the M74 Completion also involved the successful relocation of around 108 businesses and 3000 jobs. Many businesses have been able to benefit from the relocation by expanding their operations and enjoying the advantages of new premises.

For further information please visit www.m74completion.com



Interlink M74 JV

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Road Safety

Transferring traffic from local roads onto the M74 has a positive impact on road safety by:

- Reducing the number of accidents by an estimated 500-700 in the first 20 years after opening
- Facilitating the development of strategies to allocate previously congested road space to cyclists and pedestrians
- Promoting the introduction of traffic management and traffic calming schemes

Environmental

The M74 Completion project will:

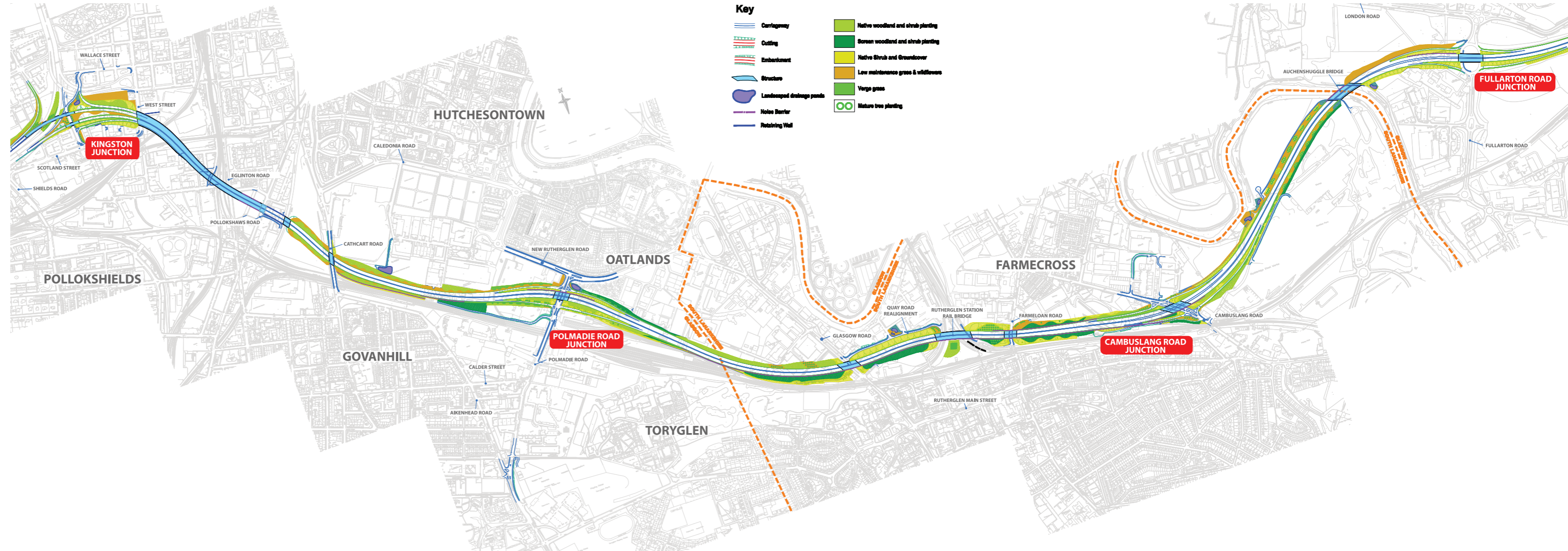
- Provide opportunities to enable higher priority to be given to public transport by relieving congestion on the local road network
- Treat and make safe a number of areas of existing ground contamination and act as a catalyst for other developers to do the same
- Reduce the contaminated ex-industrial land and therefore improve the quality of the run-off water
- Enhance visual impact and create new habitats through landscape planting
- Improve air quality in the Glasgow City Centre Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and improve air quality overall for local communities due to reduced levels of traffic on local roads
- Decrease noise levels for most properties
- Unearth some of the history of Glasgow and its surrounding areas through the M74 Completion's archaeology project, the M74 Dig

Archaeology Works – M74 Dig

There were a number of sites of archaeological and historic importance along the route of the new road which were explored through the M74 Dig project. Prior to construction of the M74 Completion project, the M74 Dig took advantage of the opportunities offered by the construction of the road to unearth, preserve and record some of the undiscovered history of Glasgow and its surrounding areas.

Between the summer of 2007 and spring 2008, three major sites were excavated by HAPCA, a joint venture between Headland Archaeology and Pre-Construct Archaeology. The sites were Govan Iron Works, the Caledonian Pottery and a group of buried tenement buildings off Pollokshaws Road. These sites typify early industrial Glasgow, and have great potential to aid better understanding of the recent historic past of the city. The artefacts discovered included kitchen utensils made from bones, dominos, jam jars, milk bottles and piggybanks.

More information on the M74 Dig can be found at www.m74completion.com/dig



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