



**Detailed Route History
A9 – Keir Roundabout to Perth**

Contracts listed in order of completion

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Dunblane to Greenloaning	Perth County Council	Tarmac Ltd	March 1967	October 1968	£0.63 million	First section between Keir Roundabout and Perth to be upgraded.
Greenloaning Diversion	Perth County Council	John McAdams & Sons	January 1968	January 1969*	£0.26 million	*Estimate Construction of A822 fork interchange.
Gleneagles Station Crossroads	Perth & Kinross Joint County Council	Norwest Construction Ltd	January 1971	January 1972*	£0.107 million	*Estimate 0.75 miles of dual carriageway. At-grade junction closed in 2012.
Loaninghead Diversion	Perth & Kinross Joint County Council	Wight Construction Ltd	November 1973	November 1975	£0.6 million	Construction of A9 & A823 junction. Modified in 2012.
Blackford Bypass	Tayside Regional Council	Miller Construction	March 1979	19th October 1980* 7th December 1980	£2.2 million	*Southbound only
Burnside to Broxden	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Tractor Shovels	December 1981*	July 1983	£3.8 million	*Estimate
Auchterarder & Aberuthven Bypass	Tayside Regional Council	Balfour Beatty	March 1982	21st October 1983	£6.5 million	Opened by Michael Ancram MP.
Dalreoch to Burnside	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Balfour Beatty	July 1984	October 1986	£8.5 million	Partially opened to southbound contraflow on 18th September 1986.
Dunblane Bypass	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Balfour Beatty	December 1988	10th December 1990	£18.8 million	Opened by Michael Forsyth MP.
Greenloaning to Blackford	Jamieson Mackay & Partners	RJ McLeod	January 1992	14 th December 1992	£5.9 million	Opened by Sir Nicholas Fairburn MP Final section between Keir Roundabout and Perth to be upgraded.



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Almond Bridge Diversion	Babtie, Shaw & Morton	Miller Construction Ltd	November 1973	27th June 1975	£1.2 million	First section of A9 Perth to Inverness project to open. Included construction of Inveralmond Roundabout. Modified by Cross Tay link road Project in 2023.
Duncanston to Arduille	Crouch & Hogg	Wm Tawse Ltd	April 1974	July 1975	£2.8 million	Construction of Arduille Roundabout & Cromarty Bridge causeways
Longman to Charleston	Crouch & Hogg	JG McGregor Ltd	November 1973	August 1975	£2.1 million	Construction of Longman Roundabout, Kessock Bridge South Approach embankment & dual carriageway to North Kessock Junction. Construction of dual carriageway from Longman Roundabout to Harbour Road (renumbered to A82 in 1989). North Kessock Junction grade separated in 2005, construction by Highland Quality Construction.
Dalwhinnie Bypass	Highland Regional Council	Tractor Shovels Ltd	May 1974	28th June 1976	£7.6 million	Opened by Lord Kirkhill, Minister for State at Scottish office. Included 1-mile dual carriageway at Crubenmore, extended in September 2011. Contractor was John Paul Construction.
Slochd to Dalmagarry	WA Fairhurst & Partners	Whatlings Ltd Fairfield Mabey*	September 1974	17th November 1976	£8.6 million	*Findhorn Viaduct Steelwork Subcontractors Trial open textured macadam (porous asphalt) surfacing laid at Slochd Summit. Removed in 1978. Work involved removal of a 1928 concrete raft supporting the old A9.
Dunkeld Bypass	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Tarmac Ltd	January 1975	9th May 1977	£9.7 million	River Tay Diverted adjacent to Dalmarnock Farm by Tractor Shovels Ltd. Opened by Lord Kirkhill, Minister for State at Scottish Office. Bypass given Civic Trust award in 1978.
Birnam Bypass	Babtie Shaw & Morton	JG McGregor Ltd	February 1976	30th June 1977	£1.3 million	Shortest single contract of Perth to Inverness scheme.

Bogbain to Longman	Crouch & Hogg	Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd	September 1975	12th November 1977	£8.0 million	B9006 overbridge constructed in 1981 by Wm Tawse Ltd. Northbound distributor lane at Raigmore constructed in 1989. Milton of Leys junction completed December 1989. UHI Campus footbridge installed in April 2013.
Luncarty Bypass	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Miller Construction Ltd	February 1976	7th December 1977	£3.4 million	Luncarty to Birnam dualling, opened 2021. Constructed by Balfour Beatty. Cost £96 million. Modified by Cross Tay link road Project in 2023
Luncarty to Birnam	Tayside Regional Council	RJ McLeod	February 1976	11th May 1978	£5.5 million	Luncarty to Birnam dualling, opened 2021. Constructed by Balfour Beatty. Cost £96 million.
Tore to Duncanston	Crouch & Hogg	Alexander Sutherland Ltd*	December 1976	7th August 1978	£2.0 million	Included construction of Tore Roundabout
Calvine to County Boundary	Freeman Fox & Partners	Tarmac Ltd	October 1976	7th November 1978 16 th November 1979*	£28.2 million	*Northbound carriageway of split dual carriageway Approximately 3 million cubic meters of rock removed. Relocation of The Wade Stone as part of works.
Dalmagarry to Bogbain	WA Fairhurst & Partners	Wm Tawse Ltd Fairfield Mabey Ltd*	December 1976	23 rd April 1979	£8.2 million	*River Nairn Bridge steel subcontractor. WS2+1 constructed at Moy by Aggregate Industries in 2009. Cost £2.8 million. Dalmagarry Burn bridge constructed 1970, built by Wm Briggs Construction Ltd.
Cromarty Bridge	Crouch & Hogg	Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd	December 1976	12th April 1979	£6.0 million	Opened by Gregor Mackenzie MP, Minister for State for Scotland.
Granish to Avielochan	Highland Regional Council	Tarmac Ltd	February 1978	29th June 1979	£4.0 million	Scheme required to connect Avielochan to Slochd scheme to existing A9 at Granish due to delay of Aviemore Bypass & Kingussie to Aviemore schemes.
Avielochan to Slochd	WA Fairhurst & Partners	Tarmac Ltd Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Ltd*	May 1977	29th June 1979	£8.9 million	*Dulnain Bridge & Slochd Bridge Steelwork Subcontractors WS2+1 Constructed at Carrbridge by RJ McLeod, completed June 2009. Cost £2.7 million.
Crubenmore to Kingussie	Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners	Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd Fairfield Mabey Ltd*	October 1977	10th December 1979	£7.4 million	Opened by Lord Mansfield. Spey Bridge Steelwork Subcontractor* WS2+1 Constructed in 2004. Built by Ennstone Thistle Ltd. for £2.5 million.
Aviemore Bypass	Highland Regional Council	Tarmac Ltd	April 1979	21st August 1980	£1.6 million	Involved permanent diversion of former A9 at Lynwilg. Underpass constructed in 2005 by Highland Quality Construction.

Pitlochry Bypass Phase I & II	Jamieson Mackay & Partners	Balfour Beatty Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Co*	(I) March 1979 (II) March 1980	(I) 19th May 1981 (II) 2 nd September 1981	(I) £14.8 million (II) £6.2 million	Phase (I) Opened by Lord Mansfield. Ran from Tynreich to A924 junction. Phase (II) Involved temporary tie in with former A9 at B8019 junction. Awarded Scottish Saltire award in 1981. *Steelwork Subcontractor
A835 Tore to Maryburgh	Crouch & Hogg	Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd	March 1979	24th July 1981	£7.0 million	Initially numbered A834, renumbered in 1985.
Charleston to Tore	Crouch & Hogg	Wm Tawse Ltd	August 1979	12th October 1981	£7.7 million	Most northerly high-speed dual carriageway in UK.
Kessock Bridge	Crouch & Hogg Ove Arup & Partners	Cleveland Bridge & Engineering Co Redpath Dorman Long	April 1978	19th July 1982* 6th August 1982^	£35.5 million	*Opened to Southbound Contraflow ^Officially opened by HM The Queen Mother. Awarded Scottish Saltire award in 1982.
County Boundary to Drumochter Lodge	Highland Regional Council	Shanks & McEwan	August 1981	September 1982	£2.0 million	Advanced Earthworks contract – Completed in May 1977 by I & H Brown Ltd Temporary diversion of A9 retained as Layby 82.
Kingussie to Aviemore	Highland Regional Council	Wm Tawse Ltd	March 1980	20th September 1982	£9.8 million	Closed in September 1983 due to failure of running surface. Kinraig WS2+1 constructed in 2004. Kinraig to Dalraddy dualling, completed 2017. Constructed by Willis Bros/John Paul (joint venture).
Guay to Tynreich	Tayside Regional Council	RJ McLeod	January 1982	13th April 1983	£5.9 million	Opened by Dr W.K Fitzgerald, Tayside Regional Council convener. Ballinluig Junction improvement opened 2007. Built by Balfour Beatty
Killiecrankie to Calvine Stage I	Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners	Tarmac Ltd	January 1982	22nd September 1983	£18.1 million	Temporary tie in with existing A9 at Killiecrankie Visitor Centre.
Perth Western Bypass	Tayside Regional Council	Morrison's Ltd I & H Brown Ltd*	February 1983	17th September 1985 April 1987*	£3.3 million	Advanced Earthworks contract, completed in 1978 by William Briggs & Co Ltd. Opened by Michael Ancram MP, Scottish Office Minister. *A9/A85 St Johnston Interchange slip roads. Modified in 2018 for Cross Tay Link Road project.
A835 Maryburgh to Brahan	Crouch & Hogg	Shanks & McEwan	January 1984	7th November 1985	£4.0 million	Bypass of Moy Bridge & Marybank
Killiecrankie to Calvine Phase II	Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners	Tarmac Ltd	February 1984	8th July 1986* 19th August 1986	£24 million	*Northbound Contraflow Final Section of A9 Perth to Inverness project to open. Opened by Michael Ancram MP, Scottish Office Minister. Awarded Saltire Award in 1986 & Concrete Society award in 1987



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Berriedale Braes Realignment	Blyth & Blyth	W & J.R. Watson Ltd	October 1962	18th October 1963	£0.102 million	Berriedale Hairpin realignment completed August 2020, contractor RJ McLeod.
Helmsdale Bridge	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Wm Tawse Ltd Rapson & Sons Ltd*	September 1970	30th October 1972	£0.150 million	*Helmsdale Castle demolition only. Steelwork by The Lanarkshire Welding Co.
Achnagarron Church Diversion	Ross & Cromarty County Council	J.G. McGregor Ltd	November 1975	December 1976	£0.440 million	
Tomich to Broomhill	Ross & Cromarty County Council	J.G. McGregor Ltd	February 1976	August 1977*	£0.360 million	*Estimate
Tain Bypass	Ross & Cromarty County Council	K. Stewart Ltd	October 1977	May 1979	TBC	Carriageway reconstructed in 1999.
Arduille to Foulis	Highland Regional Council	Morrisons Construction	May 1979	July 1980	£1.6 million	
Evanton Bypass	Highland Regional Council	Balfour Beatty	July 1981	December 1982	£5.7 million	
Garrick Bridge to Tain	Highland Regional Council	Morrisons Construction	September 1984	July 1985	£0.95 million	
Alness Bypass	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Morrisons Construction	November 1985	17th November 1986	£3.9 million	Opened by Lord Glenarthur, Minister for State at the Scottish Office.
Dornoch Bridge North Approaches	Crouch & Hogg	Miller Construction	May 1987	October 1988	£2.8 million	
Dornoch Bridge South Approaches	Crouch & Hogg	Morrisons Construction	May 1987	October 1988	£5.4 million	

The Mound Diversion	Sir William Halcrow & Partners	Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd	January 1987	23rd December 1988	£2 million	
Dunbeath Diversion	Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners	Whatlings Ltd	February 1988	23rd May 1990	£3.7 million	220m viaduct
Dornoch Firth Bridge	Crouch & Hogg Ove Arup & Partners	Christiani & Nielson Morrison's Construction	September 1989	27th August 1991	£11.5 million	Longest bridge in Europe to be built with the "cast & push" method (890m) Clients Engineers: Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, Tony Gee & Partners. Opened by HM The Queen Mother.
Broomhill to Logie Easter	Highland Regional Council	Morrison's Construction	March 1993	14th January 1994	£4.75 million	
Logie Easter to Garrick Bridge	Highland Regional Council	Morrison's Construction	January 1997	11th October 1997	£2.9 million	£1m grant from EU Funding. First climbing lane built on A9.
Helmsdale to Ord of Caithness	Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick	(I) Morrison's Construction (II) R.J. McLeod	(I) August 2004 (II) June 2006	(I) October 2006 (II) 21 st August 2008	£12 million	Ord Burn improvement completed 1999 Phase II opened by Stewart Stevenson MSP