



**Detailed Route History
M9 Motorway**

Contracts listed in order of completion

Contract Title	Main Designer	Main Contractor	Scheme Extents	Construction Start Date	Official Opening Date	Scheme Cost (2022 costs)	Notes
Polmont and Falkirk Bypass	Stirling County Council	Duncan Logan (Construction) Ltd.	J4 to J7*	14 th February 1966	29 th August 1968	£5 million (£68 million today)	<p>* Motorway terminated on temporary roundabout at A88 (then A876) Bellsdyke Road.</p> <p>1. Bridge over River Carron designed by W.A Fairhurst & Partners and built by Whatlings Ltd.</p> <p>2. Earthworks began in January 1965. Undertaken by Stirling County Council Roads Department.</p> <p>3. Opened by Lord Hughes, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland.</p>
Newbridge to Muriehall*	W.A. Fairhurst & Partners	A.M Carmichael** Tarmac Construction Ltd.	J1 to J1A ⁺	October 1968	25 th November 1970	£3.2 million (£39 million today)	<p>* Also known as Newbridge to Lathallan Contract 1.</p> <p>** A.M Carmichael went into liquidation during contract. Tarmac stepped in to complete work.</p> <p>+ Western extent of contract was B9080 (then A9), though only section to Kirkliston was trafficked initially.</p> <p>1. Included construction of Kirkliston Spur (now M90).</p>
Stirling Bypass (Stage 1) – Craigforth to Keir Roundabout	Stirling County Council W.A. Fairhurst & Partners*	Murdoch Mackenzie Ltd. F.J. Lillian (Marine) Ltd**	J10 to 11	March 1969	6 th April 1971	£3.6 million (£40.5 million today)	<p>* Design of River Forth Bridge only.</p> <p>** Construction of River Forth Bridge only.</p>
Muriehall to Lathallan*	W.A. Fairhurst & Partners	Tarmac Construction Ltd.	J1A ⁺ to J4	June 1971 ⁽¹⁾ October 1971 ⁽²⁾	18 th December 1972	£7.5 million (£79 million today)	<p>* Also known as Newbridge to Lathallan Contracts 2 & 3.</p> <p>+ Eastern extent of contract was B9080 (then A9).</p> <p>(1) Lathallan to Burghmuir. (2) Muriehall to Burghmuir.</p> <p>1. Contract completed six months ahead of schedule.</p> <p>2. Opened by George Younger MP, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office.</p> <p>3. Winchburgh Junction built in 2022 and 2023. Design by Sweco, construction by R.J Mcleod. Value £40 million. North facing slips opened on 10th February 2023.</p>

Stirling Bypass (Stage 2) – Pirnhall to Craigforth	Stirling County Council	Balfour Beatty ⁽¹⁾ Fairclough Civil Engineering Ltd. ⁽²⁾	J9 to J10	April 1971	28 th December 1973**	£7.5 million (£72 million today)	(1) Pirnhall to Torbex (2) Torbex to Craigforth ** Official opening 22 nd May 1974 on completion of M80. Opened by Lord Hughes.
Longdyke to Pirnhall	Central Regional Council	Balfour Beatty ⁽¹⁾ Tarmac Construction Ltd. ⁽²⁾	J7 - J9	April 1978	15th February 1980	£18m (£69 million today)	(1) M9 Motorway J8 - J9 (2) M9 motorway J8 - J7 and M876 J2 -J3 1. Opened by Malcom Rifkind MP 2. Most northerly section of three lane motorway in the UK.
Newbridge Roundabout – Grade Separation	Carl Bro Ltd	Morrisons Construction	J1	October 1996	20th October 1997	£7.4m (£13 million today)	1. Construction of an underpass at Newbridge Interchange. 2. Opened by Malcom Chisolm MP
M9 J1A Upgrade	Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd. ARUP (Joint Venture)	John Sisk & Son. Roadbridge. (Joint Venture)	M9 to J1	September 2011	1 st February 2013	£25.6 million (£32 million today)	1. Upgrade of existing Kirkliston Junction to full access and localised carriageway widening. 2. Included construction of overhead sign gantries, CCTV masts, VMS signs and hard shoulder bus lane.