

Inverness West Link Stage 2 – October 2020

Progress

Things on site are really starting to take shape with a lot of progress with our own works and that of our subcontractors.

We took delivery of the mechanical components that will lift and swing the bridge, these were fabricated by JGC of Caithness. The hydraulic cylinders, motors and power pack were supplied by Hedley Hydraulics of Wakefield. Cleveland Bridge of Darlington are fabricating and installing the new bridge, they undertook a trial erection of the bridge sections before it was delivered to site by road over 3 days from the 26th October. The bridge was lifted in 6 sections with a 500 tonne mobile crane from Global Port Services of Nigg. Metalwork UK of Tain have been installing, stairs and fencing around the bridge abutments and the profile sheeting to the plant room. The plant room was rendered by Gavin Cairns of Inverness with the internal and external painting undertaken by Ness Decorators. HFBC of Nairn have commenced on site installing the parapets to the underpass and vehicle restraint system on the A82. MCB Scotland of Keith constructed the blockwork to the plant room and the stone walls across the site. Hunter Landscaping of Inverness have been busy planting grass and shrubs across the site as well as cutting the grass in the new park. City Paving of Inverness have been laying kerbs and lock block across the site. Leiths are back on site to undertake the surfacing on the A82 and all the footpaths around the site. Waterseal of Stokesley have been on site spraying the protective coatings to the underpass and the abutment walls.

Our own works have concentrated on concrete works to the underpass, East Abutment and wharf. The installation of drainage and services and the backfilling of the underpass. In addition we are constructing a new timber Jetty to the North of the existing Tomnahurich Swing Bridge to accommodate the berthing of larger vessels.



New timber jetty during construction



New ponds to the West of General Booth Road – these have filled up with all the rain in October



Planing out the old A82 surfacing to accommodate the new surfacing



Surfacing over the new Underpass on the A82 with the parapets and safety fencing in the process of being erected



Surfacing on the A82 during one of the road closures



500 tonne crane lifting in the final section of the bridge



The bridge in position with the temporary supports and jacks supporting the bridge sections



The 2 motors and gearboxes that will rotate the new bridge with the idle wheel to the left of the motors