



Project Status: Operational

Project Description:

Design, Build, Finance & Operate 17 km of the A249 trunk road, including a new high level bridge and carriageway upgrade.

This project involved the upgrading, maintenance and operation of a 17km section of the A249 trunk road in Kent which forms the main traffic link between the mainland and the Isle of Sheppey. The project included the design and construction of 5km of dual carriageway between the existing Iwade Bypass and the Queensborough Junction incorporating a new high level bridge crossing the Swale. The new bridge provides major benefits to commuters by reducing congestion and improving traffic flows to and from the mainland.

Much of the route lies across open country and considerable attention was given to the design to ensure it satisfied environmental considerations.

The SPC is responsible for operational activities and capital, routine and winter maintenance along the A249 between Junction 5 of the M2 Motorway and the docks entrance at the Port of Sheerness, including associated traffic management and liaison with the emergency services.

The Project is structured largely along the lines of recent Highways Agency DBFO road projects, with the SPC receiving payments calculated according to journey reliability and safety of the A249.

LOCATION

North Kent

CLIENT

Secretary of State for Transport
(Agent – Highways Agency)

CONCESSION AWARD

February 2004

CONCESSION PERIOD

30 years

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

27 months

START OF SERVICE

February 2004

FUNDING REQUIREMENT

£104m

EQUITY PROVIDERS

Carillion Private Finance
Barclays European Infrastructure Ltd

SOURCE OF DEBT

Royal Bank of Scotland as lead arranger

ARCHITECT

Symonds Group
Cass Haywood (Bridge Design)