

SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN EVIDENCE FROM THE FORTH REPLACEMENT  
CROSSING TEAM – 30 JUNE 2009

At the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee meeting on 23 June 2009, Forth Replacement Crossing Project officials gave evidence and were subsequently asked to provide, in writing, a timeline of future activities as well as confirmation of the costs of the project and the use by Transport Scotland of the notification of outturn prices as a means of communicating the likely cost of projects. This information is provided below.

There is ongoing engagement between the project and individual land owners (on matters including environmental considerations) as well as between the project and community interests as scheme details are refined and clarified. The timeline of future activities, below, therefore highlights the major community and mandatory engagement activities.

**Timeline of future activities**

**Time, Community & Mandatory Engagement, Bill Activities Procurement & Construction**

June 2009: Stakeholder briefings with South Queensferry residents and the community councils of Queensferry & District, Kirkliston, Newton, North Queensferry, Inverkeithing and Rosyth, as well as with the media and elected representatives. Publication of OJEU Contract notice.

July 2009: Mini displays on the Feedback & Outcomes Report, the scheme design (including environmental mitigation) and the parliamentary process will be located in South Queensferry, North Queensferry, Kirkliston, Rosyth, Inverkeithing and Dunfermline. (A West Lothian site awaits confirmation).

Briefings with community representatives and statutory bodies will be conducted regarding the Code of Construction Practice.

Consultation on the Environmental Statement will take place with mandatory consultees – SNH, SEPA, Historic Scotland and relevant planning authorities.

Guidance on the parliamentary process, compulsory purchase process and compensation will be published in both booklet format and on the Project website. Copies of the booklet will be provided at the mini-displays and to those on our stakeholder database (800+), community councils, City of Edinburgh, Fife and West Lothian councillors, appropriate constituency and list MSPs, as well as members of the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change committee. Those individuals on our electronic database (4000+) who have requested the receipt of our ezine will also be notified of the availability of the guidance on the project's website.

August 2009	Submission of completed Prequalification Questionnaire
October 2009	Prequalified bidders identified.
November 2009	Public Exhibitions will be held to inform statutory bodies, environmental groups, the general public and local interests of the introduction of the Bill and provide copies of the Bill and all supporting documentation. Introduction of the Bill to the Scottish Parliament. Invitation to tender/negotiate/participate in Competitive Dialogue.

May 2010	<i>Completion of Stage 1 Bill process*</i>
October 2010	<i>Initiation of Stage 2 Bill process</i>
November 2010	<i>Completion of Stage 3 Bill process. Tender Submission</i>
December 2010	<i>Royal Assent</i>
February 2011	<i>Commencement of Powers</i>
April 2011	<i>Make General Vesting Declaration to allow for compulsory purchase of land. Contract Award</i>

September 2011  
December 2016

*Start of Construction*  
*Opening of new crossing*

\* Italic entries are indicative and subject to parliamentary process.

### **Costings**

Details in respect of the projected costs of the project are contained within the Forth Replacement Crossing: Managed Crossing Scheme: Scheme Definition Report which has been published and is freely available on the Project's website

(<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/projects/forth-replacement-crossing>).

For convenience, I am providing a hyperlink

(<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/reports/publications-and-guidance/road/j10724c-11.htm>) to chapter 8 of that report, which sets out at Table 8.2 a breakdown of the projected costs of the scheme.

### **Outturn Prices**

The Forth Replacement Crossing Project has consistently expressed costings in out-turn prices, which is usual practice within Transport Scotland. That practice is cited elsewhere for example in the Minister's response to parliamentary question S3W-8470, in respect of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral route, that "We are making provision for the preferred route of between £295 million and £395 million at outturn cost in 2012."