



**Detailed Route History
Erskine Bridge and Approach Roads**

Contracts listed in order of completion

Contract Title	Main Designer	Main Contractor	Scheme Extents	Construction Start Date	Official Opening Date	Scheme Cost	Notes
Erskine Bridge – Foundations and Piers	W.A Fairhurst & Partners Freeman Fox & Partners*	Christiani Shand Ltd.	Erskine Bridge	April 1967**	2 nd July 1971	£720,000 (£13 million today)	<p>* Consulting Engineer for all aspects of Erskine Bridge project. Appointed December 1963.</p> <p>** Formal ceremony marking the start of construction held on 6th June 1971 attended by Secretary of State for Scotland.</p> <p>1. Piers and foundations completed in mid-1969.</p>
Erskine Bridge - Superstructure	Freeman Fox & Partners	Fairfield-Mabey Ltd.	Erskine Bridge	March 1968	2 nd July 1971	£4.5 million (£84 million today)	<p>1. Steelwork rolled at Colvilles, Glasgow with partial fabrication at Fairfield-Mabey yard, Chepstow.</p> <p>2. Erection of steelwork completed spring 1971.</p> <p>3. Some strengthening of steelwork undertaken following recommendations of the Merrison Report.</p> <p>4. Bridge deck refurbished in the early 1990s. New inspection gantries and box girder accesses completed late 2000s. New parapets and barriers installed mid-2010s.</p> <p>5. Oil Rig strike occurred 4th August 1996. Repairs costing £3.6 million undertaken. Bridge closed to HGVs until 22nd December 1996.</p>
Erskine Bridge – Northern Approaches	Freeman Fox & Partners	Peter Lind & Co. Ltd.	A898/A82 Dalnottar Interchange	January 1968	2 nd July 1971	£1.4 million (£26 million today)	<p>1. Contract included construction of slip roads, realignment of the A82 dual carriageway and alteration of local roads.</p> <p>2. Six bridges and two service culverts were constructed as part of the contract. Dalnottar Burn was placed in a 500m culvert below the interchange.</p> <p>3. High mast lighting replaced mid-2010s.</p>
Erskine Bridge – Southern Approaches, Administration Building and Workshops	Freeman Fox & Partners	Whatlings (Civil Engineering) Ltd.	M8 J29a to 30 M898	August 1968	27 th December 1970* 2 nd July 1971	£2.6 million (£48 million today)	<p>*M8 Bishopton Bypass Stage 1 and M898 only.</p> <p>1. Contract included construction of slip roads and alteration of local roads (A726).</p> <p>2. Toll plaza and administration building were also part of the contract which included five bridges and service culverts.</p> <p>3. Tolls removed April 2006.</p> <p>4. M898 southbound sign gantry removed 2014.</p>