

## R9 (southern part) - Charleroi

### Project Details

#### Activities

Civil Engineering  
Bridges  
Road construction  
General roadworks

#### Contractors

Franki  
Willemen Infra

#### Location

rue de l'acier  
6000 Charleroi Belgium  
Hainaut BE

#### Client

Sofico, SPW

#### Price

€23.000.000

#### Temporary partnership

Willemen Infra, Franki

#### Start work

09-2014



Public works contract for the complete reconstruction of the southern part of the Charleroi R9 ringroad, (1, 670 m + 2 x 400 m of A503 sliproads), on both the upper and lower faces of the viaduct section, while maintaining traffic circulation.

This work includes the treatment of the steel structure above 1,100 metres of rail track (Charleroi station) with waterproof sheeting and dust extraction.

The contract also includes the supply and installation of crash barriers, replacement of the bridge cantilever beaks of the "L'Abeille" bridge, the replacement of a bridge girder, and reinforcing the concrete and the structure with bonded plates and metallic quadripodes.

Contract details:

- Baring the deck of each bridge/viaduct,
- Repairing and treating the deck slab,
- Installing a new waterproofing system,
- Laying of new bitumen road surfaces,
- Laying new water drainage elements,
- Replacing all expansion joints,
- Laying crash barriers to the latest standards,
- Replacing signage, signal gantries and lighting,

Further work will be undertaken to address specific problems:

- Complete replacement of the beam 138 of zone 6
- Complete replacement of the cantilever beaks of the L'Abeille bridge
- Localized reinforcement of zone 6 with bonded plates
- Underpinning with quadripodes under all column tables in zone 8
- Anticorrosion treatment (repainting) of the entire steel structure in zone 7.

Work started in September 2014.

This is one of the major stages of the Road Plan, launched in 2010 and aimed at rehabilitating the black spots on the Walloon motorway and strategic trunk road network. The R9 rehabilitation site is important for locals and residents not only in terms of mobility, but also visually, as most of its constituent parts go to make up the urban landscape.

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