

New ring road & railway bypass - Mechelen

Activities

Civil Engineering
Bridges
Rail infrastructure
Tunnels
Road construction
General roadworks
Asphalt works
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Contractor

Franki Construct

Location

Douaneplein 10, Mechelen,
Antwerpen, Belgium

Client

Infrabel

Temporary partnership

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Engineering Office

TUC Rail

Start work

07-2013



The project consists of the construction of a new railway line (bypass) and a ring road (tangent) around Mechelen called 'weg van de stad' or 'away from the city'.

The installation of the rail bypass is needed to make possible an increase in speed from 100 km/hr to 160 km/hr for through international trains along the Mechelen railway station.

This part of the project includes the construction of a series of civil engineering structures, among others a railway viaduct above the new ring road and two steel bridges: one over the Leuven-Dijle canal and another over the Dijle River.

The tangent is a four-lane road that connects Brusselsesteenweg and the Douaneplein. The Tangent runs from Jubellaan underground, crosses the Leuven-Dijle canal and proceeds further underground until Leuvensesteenweg. To the north, the tangent crosses the railway line to Leuven.

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