

A30/A35 Highway



Key information

Construction cost **c. \$240 million (1996)**

Length **63 miles**

Vehicles **Six million per year**

Awards **2005 Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice First Place: Green Champion in the Highways Sector**

Introduction

In October 1996, Balfour Beatty Capital began a \$254 million, 30-year public-private partnership (PPP) project to design, build, finance and operate the A30/A35 highway in the United Kingdom.

Balfour Beatty's share of the investment company is 85%. As of December 31, 2005, Balfour Beatty had invested all its committed investment of \$40 million.

Project overview

- Completed on time and on budget on March 31, 2000
- Built as a joint venture with Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering
- Involves the operation and maintenance of the A30, from the M5 Junction 29 to the eastern end of the Honiton Bypass, and the A35 from Honiton to Bere Regis, in the UK
- The contract runs until 2026 and has included the construction of the A30 Honiton to Exeter Improvement and the A35 Tolpuddle/Puddletown bypass.
- Working in partnership with its operator, SWH-BBISjv (a joint venture between South West Highways and Balfour Beatty subsidiary, Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services) Balfour Beatty Capital provides all required operation and maintenance. Working with its client, the UK Highways Agency, Balfour Beatty also identifies and delivers improvements along the highway.

Improving safety

Balfour Beatty works closely with the UK's Highways Agency and with local communities to identify and install new road safety measures. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have been installed on Winterborne Abbas and on Kings Road, Honiton, as part of this strategy. An innovative approach made it possible to move SIDs to different locations, thus preventing driver complacency. Local community groups have complimented the measures, commenting that they appear to be assisting with driver compliance with the posted speed limit.



“Balfour Beatty has been great, providing extra staff to control traffic outside the school, even in the blistering heat.”

Caroline Doyle, Kilmington Elementary School (on the A30/A35 highway)