Balfour Beatty Secures £36 Million Contract Extension To Operate And Maintain The M1-A1 Link Road

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Balfour Beatty, the international infrastructure group, has been awarded a £36 million contract extension to its existing Managing Agent Contract (MAC) for the M1-A1 Link Road (Lofthouse to Bramham) on behalf of Connect Roads, for ultimate customer Highways England.

The extension sees Balfour Beatty continue its operations and maintenance services through to March 2026 on this 18-mile long strategic motorway between the M1 and M62 south and east of Leeds, and the A1 (M) south of Wetherby.

Highways England awarded the Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) contract to Connect Roads in 1996, alongside the operations of the A30/A35 and A50 DBFO contracts. Balfour Beatty acts as Connect Roads operator on each of these three DBFO concessions.

Works undertaken by Balfour Beatty include network management, technical inspections, routine and cyclical maintenance, asset management and lifecycle maintenance, including pavement, structures, geotechnical, highway lighting and signs, vehicle restraint and road markings.

Phil Clifton, Balfour Beatty's Highways Director, Major Projects said: 'I'm delighted that we have been chosen to continue to maintain this vital route on behalf of Connect Roads; it is testament to our dedication to providing and maintaining a safe road network across Britain for road users, on behalf of Highways England. This contract extension is another clear indication of the strength of Balfour Beatty's proven highways asset management capabilities.'

Image: The M1-A1 Link road at Hook Moor

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Connect Roads

- Established in 1996, Connect Roads is one of the largest private sector road operators in the UK, responsible for the operation and maintenance of over 380km of motorways, major trunk and principal roads. Its services include finance, design, construction, management, operations,

maintenance and life-cycle planning.

- The Connect Roads portfolio includes the M1-A1 Link Road, (a strategic motorway link between the M1 and M62 motorways), the A30/A35, (an important south coast route through Dorset and East Devon), the A50 (a strategic east to west connection between the M6 and M1), the Carlisle Northern Development Route (CNDR), (a network providing improved transport links between West Cumbria, Scotland and the North East of England), and the M77/Glasgow Southern Orbital. The Company also has a Design, Build, Finance and Operate contract for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route / Balmedie to Tipperty project, a major transport infrastructure project that will significantly improve travel in and around Aberdeen and the north east of Scotland. Connect Roads also manages the replacement, upgrading and maintenance of street-lighting in six counties and cities (Sunderland, South Tyneside, Derby City, Coventry City, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire).

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