



## Detailed Route History A74 Trunk Road

Contracts listed in order of completion

Contract Title	Main Designer	Main Contractor	Completion Date	Length (Miles)	Cost (£)	Notes
Lesmahagow Diversion	Lanark County Council	Alex, Findlay & Co Ltd (1) Hugh Leggat Ltd (2)	October 1938	0.3	£23,000	Construction of New Milton Bridge and short dual carriageway. (1) Steelwork Contractor (2) Masonry Contractor  Further improvements in the early 1960s.
Lesmahagow to Newfield Inn	Lanark County Council	TBC	1940*	3	£126,000	*Construction began in 1939 and was allowed to proceed despite the outbreak of WWII. Estimated completion date.
Newfield Inn to South of Millbank	Lanark County Council	Farrans Ltd.	March 1961	4.8	£650,000	
Upper Murthat to Johnstonbridge	Dumfries County Council	Farrans Ltd.	24 <sup>th</sup> April 1961	1	£611,000	
Dinwoodie Lodge to Lockerbie	Dumfries County Council	Kings & Co Ltd	16 <sup>th</sup> October 1961	5	£451,000	
Lockerbie to Ecclefechan	Dumfries County Council	W & J.R. Watson Ltd.	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 1961	4.3	£563,000	
Nether Abington to Telfords Bridge	Lanark County Council	Murdoch Mackenzie Ltd.	9 <sup>th</sup> March 1962	5.7	£650,000	Bypass of Crawford & Abington. Opened by Mrs Catherine Mackenzie.
Johnstonebridge to Dinwoodie Lodge	Dumfries County Council	J. Miller & Partners Ltd.	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 1962	1	£57,000	Included Reconstruction of existing dual carriageway at Johnstonebridge, completed 1939.
Beattock Diversion	Dumfries County Council	J. Miller & Partners Ltd.	24 <sup>th</sup> April 1963	2.6	£623,000	
Blackwood Bypass	Babtie Shaw & Morton	J. Anderson & King Ltd	December 1963	3.75	£1.05m	Northern terminus linked with M74 Hamilton Bypass in December 1966.

Mossband Viaduct & Approaches	Bridges Section – Ministry of Transport	Civil Engineering Dept. of London Midlands region of British Rail	1964	0.5	£1.0m	Bypassed by M6 Motorway in December 2008.
Telford's Bridge to Hector's Bridge	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Murdoch Mackenzie Ltd.	May 1964	4.6	£981,000	Widening of Paddy's Rickle Bridge. Improved in 1959, design by Babtie Shaw & Morton. Reconstruction of existing dual carriageway at Telford Bridge (1938)
Lockerbie Diversion	Dumfries County Council	A.M. Carmichael Ltd.	17 <sup>th</sup> July 1964	2	£777,000	
South of Millbank to Duneaton	Babtie Shaw & Morton	J. Anderson & King Ltd.	February 1965	5.9	£1.26m	
Hector's Bridge to County Boundary	Babtie Shaw & Morton	Murdoch Mackenzie Ltd.	26 <sup>th</sup> March 1965	2.5	£1.0	Opened by Dr J. Dickson Mabon Ltd. 1965 Marker Stone present on old A74 alignment.
County Boundary to Beattock	Dumfries County Council	Murdoch Mackenzie Ltd.	30 <sup>th</sup> December 1966	6.1	£1.25m	Road Research Laboratory Reflector Kerb Trial location.
Ecclefechan to Under Woodhouse	Dumfries County Council	A.M. Carmichael Ltd.	30 <sup>th</sup> December 1966	5.5	£2.9m	
Under Woodhouse to Gretna	Dumfries County Council	W & J.R. Watson Ltd.	21 <sup>st</sup> February 1970	4	£1.7m	
M6 Carlisle Bypass & A74 Dualling	Cumberland County Council	Tarmac Construction Ltd.	15 <sup>th</sup> December 1970	4.5*	£4.3m	*A74 Section only. A74 dualled between M6 Junction 44 and Mossband Viaduct improvement (1964). Upgraded to M6 Motorway in 2008.
Gretna Diversion	Dumfries County Council	Brims & Co Ltd.	4 <sup>th</sup> May 1973	1.6	£2.9m	A75 Section opened in 1974. Final section of improvement between Glasgow & London.