PROJECT PDF

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R41 - Aalst

Project Details

Activities
Civil Engineering
Tunnels
Road construction
General roadworks
Asphalt works

Contractors
Willemen Bouw
Willemen Infra

location
R41
9300 Aalst Belgium
Oost-Vlaanderen BE

Client
Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer Oost-Vlaanderen, Stad Aalst

Temporary partnership
Franki Construct, Willemen Infra

Construction period
5 years 9 months

Start work
08-2015

End of work
05-2021

Project website
Ring Aalst



Work on this viaduct was completed in May 2021, finalising the redesign of the Aalst ring road. The new R41 is not only smoother and safer, but can also handle higher volumes of traffic.

Over the past few years, the R41 section between the Kwalestraat junction and Verbrandhofstraat has undergone a complete transformation. Three dangerous intersections were redesigned to include new (bicycle) tunnels that separate local and through traffic. In addition to the tunnels, service roads have also been built. Entry and exit slip roads to the tunnels will be provided between Gentsesteenweg (N9) and Raffelgemstraat. A square has also been laid out on the roof of the Raffelgemstraat tunnel.

Roundabouts have been built at the R41/N9 and R41/Raffelgemstraat intersections. The R41/Merestraat intersection was reconstructed at a different location, and once again, bicycle tunnels were added. Gentsesteenweg was redeveloped between Welvaartstraat and Sinte-Annalaan, and wide bicycle paths, new pedestrian pathways, and a separate sewer system were added. The superstructure and substructure of the R41 viaduct between Ledebaan and Verbrandhofstraat were also fully cleaned up and renovated. Sewer systems were fully renovated everywhere, together with all footpaths and street furniture. Finally, we also carried out structural maintenance on the R41between Korte Vooruitzichtstraat and Ledebaan, and between Kwalestraat and Merestraat.

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Willemen Bouw was established on 30 April 2025 through the merger of Willemen Construct, Cosimco, Franki Construct and Tools.

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