

## John Swinney cuts first sod at Bankfoot

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Norrie Westbrook met Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, John Swinney on the 20th March as the first sod was cut on the £2.7million road upgrade by Bankfoot. John Swinney did the honours as work got underway to eradicate hazardous right turns on the frequently congested A9 at Bankfoot. Mr Swinney said 'This investment will make significant road safety improvements in the area of Bankfoot. We are committed to investing progressively in the A9 on a continuing basis, leading to dualling between Perth and Inverness. This scheme will support at least 60 local jobs and provide a boost to the construction industry in these challenging economic times. To minimise the use of new materials and reduce carbon emissions,

existing concrete layers are being used in the junctions construction. On average, around 16,000 vehicles pass Bankfoot daily and trunk road agencies Transport Scotland and Scotland TranServ insist steps have been taken to minimise motorist disruption. Lane restrictions, reduced speed limits and traffic lights will be in place for 20 weeks'. Norrie stressed that a great deal of effort has been made to consider the traffic management options, in order to minimise delays during these works. We would advise road users to plan their journey in advance or consider alternative methods of transport during these works.

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**Norrie Westbrook and John Swinney MSP  
at Bankfoot**

Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs which will be in place throughout the works. For real time journey planning information visit [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org)