

# £14.5m Motherwell station redevelopment to create gateway to Glasgow

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ScotRail, North Lanarkshire Council, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), and Transport Scotland have teamed up to create a gateway to the Glasgow City Region at Motherwell station.

Work on a new regional transport integration hub at Motherwell station is set to begin this year, following the appointment of contractors, Balfour Beatty.

The £14.5m project will see the station undergo redevelopment work, as well as an overhaul of the public realm outside the station building, improving links between bus and train services as well as reducing congestion.

Once complete the project will deliver:

- An enhanced station forecourt and building with glazed roof and brighter, larger concourse.
- Improved ticket retailing facilities.
- Enhanced retail environment with food and drink offering.
- Refurbished customer toilets and waiting facilities.
- Improvements to pedestrian and cycling access.
- Expansion of bus facility on Muir Street.
- New facilities for taxis, car drop-offs and disabled parking.
- Expansion of nearby park and ride facilities at Farm Street.

The project will be delivered in two phases, with work on the station redevelopment due to start by Summer 2020, and the transport integration works following in 2021.

Kirsty Devlin, ScotRail Head of Projects, said: “Motherwell is ready for a railway station that matches the dynamic and forward-looking development of the town.

“Our close collaboration with North Lanarkshire Council, SPT, and Transport Scotland will deliver the best possible improvements to facilities and integrated transport options at Motherwell station.

“The improved integration of transport services and infrastructure will transform the relationship between the station and the town centre.

“It will open up a wealth of possibilities for Motherwell, creating more options and better connections for our customers; for business and leisure travel, and encourage more people to travel in a low-carbon way. It will create a gateway to Glasgow and beyond.”

Bill Reeve, Transport Scotland’s Director of Rail said: “This £14.5m investment at Motherwell station is a clear example of how partnership working can deliver both Government and local transport objectives for a sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible transport system. This multi-modal interchange will act as an attractive gateway to Lanarkshire for customers, communities, businesses and visitors.”

Councillor Paul Kelly, Depute Leader of North Lanarkshire Council, said: “This project sees a significant investment in Motherwell town centre to create a modern rail station with improved facilities for passengers, linking to a high-quality bus, train and cycle transport interchange.

“It will provide increased access for local people to jobs, education and training opportunities in Lanarkshire and the rest of central Scotland.

“The new facilities will also link to the council’s other Glasgow City Region City Deal projects which will deliver new roads connecting Cumbernauld, Airdrie, Ravenscraig and the M74, bringing new business and jobs to the area, opening up links with the rest of the Scotland and the UK and giving a major boost to the local economy.”

Hector MacAulay, Regional Managing Director of Balfour Beatty’s Construction in Scotland & Ireland, said: “We are delighted to be appointed to deliver the new regional transport integration hub at Motherwell station, creating a new gateway to the Glasgow City Region whilst furthering our strong relationships with each of the stakeholders.

“Our expert team of engineers are perfectly positioned to deliver the scheme following the excellent work we’ve carried out at the redevelopment of Glasgow’s Queen Street Station.

“Throughout the project, we will continue to focus on opportunities to support local inclusive economic growth and delivering added social.”

Councillor Dr Martin Bartos, SPT Chair, said: “SPT is proud to be working alongside partners to deliver this key infrastructure project that will see major improvements made to existing transport links at Motherwell station, and will continue the development of Motherwell as an important local and regional transport hub.

“Working in partnership is clearly the best way to deliver high-quality public transport and active travel links in the area, bringing about a much-improved local environment for residents and commuters alike.”

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