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# Bridges over E40 - Merelbeke

## Project Details

**Activities**
Civil Engineering
Bridges
Road construction

**Contractors**
Franki Construct
Willemen Infra

**location**
Oude Gaversesteenweg
9820 Merelbeke Belgium
Oost-Vlaanderen BE
Merelbeke Belgium
Oost-Vlaanderen BE

**Client**
Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer Oost-Vlaanderen

**Temporary partnership**
Aswebo, Franki Construct

**Engineering Office**
Arcadis

**Span**
13m

**Construction period**
1 year 7 months

**Start work**
04-2017

**End of work**
11-2018

In Merelbeke, two bridges on the E40 were renewed and widened, and adapted to much heavier (exceptional) traffic: the bridge over the Tijarm (a tributary of the Scheldt) and the bridge over the Oude Gaversesteenweg. A temporary bridge ensured that traffic on the E40 remained possible in both directions during the works.

Space was made for two emergency lanes and left room for a fourth lane, should it be desired in the future. Four-metre-high noise barriers were provided along both sides of the E40. The bridge over the Tijarm was made longer, allowing a parallel road to fit under the bridge to connect business park Eiland Zwijnaarde with the surrounding roads.

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