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Intersection Grote Ring-Universiteitslaan - Hasselt

Project Details

Activities
Civil Engineering
Tunnels
Road construction
General roadworks
Asphalt works
Concrete works

Contractors
Willemen Bouw
Willemen Infra

location
Grote Ring
3500 Hasselt Belgium
Limburg BE

Client
Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer (AWV)

Construction period
2 years 2 months

Start work
03-2019

End of work
05-2021

With the opening of three new bicycle and pedestrian tunnels and the public transport tunnel under the intersection of Universiteitslaan and Grote Ring in Hasselt in mid-2021, the total makeover of this important intersection was a fact. Above ground, the renovated intersection had already been in use since November 2020.

Both the intersection of Grote Ring (R71-Gouverneur Verwilghensingel) and Universiteitslaan, the intersection of Universiteitslaan with Trichterheideweg/Via Media and the infrastructure in between were thoroughly tackled. Lane lanes were lengthened, separate entry lanes provided and smart traffic lights installed. In short, the intersections were improved to increase road safety and allow traffic to flow more smoothly. 366 new trees give the whole area the oxygen it needs. Franki Construct took on the construction of the tunnels, while Willemen Infra took care of the road works.

Along Universiteitslaan and Koning Boudewijnlaan, Willemen Infra laid a separate carriageway for public transport. This will pass under the intersection with the Grote Ring in a tunnel. This tunnel will initially be used by scheduled buses and in the future can be converted for the express trams of the Spartacus project with minimal modifications. Bus stops along University Avenue were also revamped and made more accessible.

Furthermore, the bicycle and pedestrian tunnels under the intersection were modified: they are much more spacious than

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before and have more light. Also on the north side of the intersection, there is now an additional bicycle tunnel connecting the Grenslandhallen and Kapermolenpark. The bicycle tunnel under University Avenue was replaced by a completely new bicycle and pedestrian tunnel. To make way for the tram and bus tunnel, the cycle tunnel on the south side of the intersection was demolished and rebuilt further down the road.

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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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