The Coastal Highway Route E39

What
National transportplan 2018–2029: The Storting has a long-term goal to develop the E39 as an improved and continuous Coastal Highway Route between Kristiansand and Trondheim. The route runs from Kristiansand in the south to Trondheim in the north, and is approximately 1100 km long. The route runs through six counties, and the cities of Stavanger, Bergen, Ålesund and Molde. Travel time today is around 21 hours, and road users need to use seven different ferry connections. Estimates show that the required investments and improvements will cost approximately NOK 340 billion.

Why?
The aim is to build an improved and continuous route without ferries, for the efficient transport of people and goods, both locally and regionally. This ties the region efficiently together and will also contribute to more efficient industry. The route will be almost 50 km shorter, and travel time will be cut in half. Reductions in travel time will be achieved by replacing ferries with bridges and tunnels, in addition to upgrading a number of road sections on land.

How?
We have established seven sub-projects, one of whose task is to ensure that the improved route will have positive impacts on businesses and industries, as well as on their associated residential and labour markets. Another project is established to help us find technological solutions that will make the fjord crossings possible. Find more information at www.vegvesen.no/ferjefrie39

Status
The Rogfast, the world’s longest and deepest subsea tunnel is under construction. The NPRA recommends a floating bridge across Bjørnafjorden. The interactive map at vegvesen.no/ferjefrie39 shows the status of all road projects on the route.

GOAL
The E39 from Kristiansand to Trondheim is approx. 1100 km. Current travel time is approx. 21 hrs, including 7 ferry connections.
The aim is to create an improved E39 without ferries, which will reduce the travel time to 11 hours.

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