The Coastal Highway Route E39

What
National transport plan 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 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.

Why?
The scope of the project is to improve a stretch of the existing E39 highway between the cities of Kristiansand and Trondheim in Norway, a route that is 1100 kilometres long. Today, the route has seven ferry crossings, the NPRA is considering replacing some of these fjord crossings with alternative structures (i.e. tunnels or bridges) to reduce the travel time along the western coast of Norway. An improved and continuous route for the efficient transport of people and goods ties the region efficiently together and will also contribute to more efficient industry. With fixed links, today’s travel time (22 hrs) can be more than halved.

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 vegvesenet.no/ferjefrie39 shows the status of all road projects on the route.

Ambition
The ambition of the Storting is to link Western Norway together with an upgraded highway E39. The linking of large business regions and housing, labour and service markets will provide a better basis for developing Norway’s largest export region.

More information: vegvesen.no/ferjefrie39