## Car Parking

There are short-term pay and display spaces throughout Edinburgh city centre with almost 500 pay and display machines and about 5,500 parking spaces. An innovative scheme where drivers can use their mobile phones to pay for parking has been launched in the city centre called mPark. Options include credit/debit card payment as well as text reminders for soon-to-expire tickets. Registration for this service is available on the City of Edinburgh Council's website.

Edinburgh also offers a network of off-street car parks and dedicated permitted zones for resident and visitor parking and a map of these car parks is available at: www.edinburgh.gov.uk.

## Buses

Lothian Buses offers 50 services as well as 12 Night Bus routes around the capital while First Bus operates some 300 services throughout the Edinburgh region and beyond. An extensive inter-city bus network operated by Scottish Citylink links Edinburgh city region to points across Scotland and the UK. A popular express bus service runs from the city centre to the airport approximately every 10 minutes and takes only 25 minutes. Travelshops are located on Hanover Street, Waverley Bridge, Shandwick Place and Dalkeith.

Tel. 0131 555 6363 www.lothianbuses.com

Tel. 08708 72 72 71 www.firstgroup.com/ ukbus/scotland/sescot

Tel. 08705 50 50 50 www.citylink.co.uk

## The Forth Estuary Crossings

The Forth Road Bridge connects Edinburgh with Fife, allowing some 66,000 vehicles to cross the Firth of Forth everyday. Recent studies by Transport Scotland revealed, however, that the bridge will need replacing despite constant maintenance over its 40 years of service. Continuing an invaluable access route, the new bridge will be the single largest transport project for a generation and will cost between £1.72bn and £2.34bn. Work is expected to start in 2011 on the dual two-lane carriageway which will include hard shoulders.

The existing bridge will be retained as a dedicated corridor for public transport, pedestrians and cyclists.

## www.forthreplacementcrossing.info

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