

## Parish Bulletin Number 1 January 2012

**Traffic Management** (The use of cones and signs to provide lane and speed restrictions within the areas we need to work.)

- All Traffic Management will be removed from our works by 06:00 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, leaving the motorway free from any restrictions during the holiday period.
- From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> January we will re-install traffic management similar to that which was in place prior to Christmas, as outlined below;

**M4** – Junction 19 to the West of Almondsbury Interchange, East and Westbound carriageways, including on/off slip roads.

**M5** – Junction 16 to the North of Almondsbury Interchange, North and Southbound, including on/off slip roads

**Almondsbury Interchange** – External links

Traffic Management will include, on both motorways, daytime hard shoulder closures, off-peak daytime lane closures and overnight lane closures. This will allow for the remaining CCTV cameras to be installed, cabling to be traced and vegetation to be removed.

### Construction Works

#### *Temporary Safety Barrier*

- From the 9<sup>th</sup> January, for a period of approximately three weeks, we will carry out works for the installation of a temporary safety barrier along the M4, in both directions. This work will be undertaken at night.

**Westbound** – Jct 19 to Jct 20 (**M5** Southbound slip road)

**Eastbound** – West side of the Almondsbury interchange to Jct 19.

Once the barrier is installed within these sections of the **M4**, including the **M4** Westbound to **M5** Northbound slip road and the **M5** Southbound to **M4** Eastbound slip road, we will be running narrow lanes, the hard shoulder will be closed and a fixed 50mph speed limit will be in place.

Once work is complete a free vehicle recovery service will be provided within our zone of works.

### *Night Works (On the M4 unless stated otherwise);*

- 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - Plaining out (removal of) and repairing existing damaged road joints between the lanes. Once we move to narrow lane running these areas will be driven on, so need to be repaired before this is done.
- Re-surfacing work – plaining off short sections of old road surface and replace with new. Plaining will be done as the first operation, so should be completed by 23:00 hours.
  - Friday 13 Jan – M4 west to M5 south link at Almondsbury Interchange
  - Saturday 14 Jan - M4 junction 19 east bound
  - Saturday 14 Jan - M5 south to M4 east link road.
- Existing white line road markings will be removed whilst the plaining work is carried out (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January). Until they are replaced, on the 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Jan, temporary road studs will be used to mark the lanes.
- 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Narrowing of running lanes and installation of the temporary safety barrier.

In order that these works can be carried out safely, appropriate Eastbound and Westbound night time road closures will be implemented from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

**Clearly signposted diversion routes will be in place.**

### *Vegetation clearance – M5*

- Throughout January, further day time vegetation clearance will be carried out on the Northbound and Southbound verges of the M5. The areas are being cleared in areas where there will be gantries or emergency refuse areas

### *Temporary ducting*

- From the 4<sup>th</sup> January, for a period of one week, we will complete the hanging of temporary surface ducting on the M4 and M5. The ducting will protect CCTV and other technology cables. This operation is daytime.

### **Notification to Residents**

Residents living close to where night works will be carried out will, where possible, be notified seven days in advance of work commencing. As our first night works are 9 January, and to ensure letters don't get mixed up in Christmas post, the residents will be notified on 3 January.

We will be contacting all residents within a maximum radius of 500m from the work areas.

### **Comments/Questions**

Please contact the project liaison team on 01454 458100 and ask for either;

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