

Parish Bulletin

April 2012

Traffic Management – the use of cones and signs to provide lane and speed restrictions within the areas we need to work.

M5 Junction 15 to 17– Full closures

- Commencing on the 10th April, we will carry out a series of Northbound/Southbound carriageway closures on the M5 between junctions 17 and the Almondsbury Interchange. These closures will be for the installation of narrow lanes and temporary safety barrier (see *Construction Activities* for info). Closures will be in effect from as early as 21:00hrs, if traffic flows are low enough, and will be removed by 06:00hrs the following day.

Signed diversion routes will be in place for all of the closures. To include them all in this bulletin would have required a further 2 pages of text. If however you do want a copy of these then please email Matthew.Rolfe@bbcel.co.uk.

- 10th April - Junction 17 - 16 (Northbound)
- 11th & 12th April - Junction 17 - 15 (Northbound)
- 13th April - Contingency date
- 14th & 15th April - Junction 15 - 17 (Southbound)
- 16th & 17th April - Contingency date
- 23rd & 24th April - Two lane section of carriageway through Junction 15 (Northbound)
- 25th, 26th, 27th & 30th April - Two lane section of carriageway through Junction 15 (Southbound)
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd May - Two lane section of carriageway through Junction 15 (Southbound)

Almondsbury Interchange Link Roads

- On the 21st and 22nd April we will close the M4 Westbound to M5 Southbound link road, the M4 Eastbound to M5 Southbound link road and the M5 Southbound junction 16 exit slip road. These closures will be for essential surfacing repairs.

Construction activities

M4 – Foundation piling

- Piling work, to create the foundations which will support the 'Superspan' cross carriageway gantries, commenced on the M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange on the 30th March. This work is currently programmed to continue for approximately 8 weeks.

M4 – Earthworks

- Large scale earthwork operations on the verges of the M4 Eastbound carriageway are complete and work has now commenced on the Westbound.

M5 – Narrow lane installation

- From the 10th April, for a period of approximately four weeks, we will carry out a series of night works on the M5, as detailed above, to convert the carriageway into narrow running lanes. These works are the same as those carried out on the M4 in January this year. The breakdown of works is as follows;
 - *Joint repairs* - Plaining out (removal of) and repairing existing damaged road joints between the lanes 1 & 2. Once we move to narrow lane running these areas will be driven on, so need to be repaired before this is done to avoid the road surface breaking up. Temporary road studs will also be positioned during this operation.
 - *Re-surfacing work* - plaining off short sections of old road surface and replace with new. Plaining will be done as the first operation once the lane closures are in position.
 - *White lining* – Towards the end of the four weeks the previously installed temp studs will be taken away and new narrow lane white lines painted.
 - *Temporary safety barrier* – To provide a safe environment for our workforce a steel safety barrier will be installed along the length of the hard shoulder.

Once these works are complete a fixed 50mph speed limit will be in place and the hard shoulder will be closed. A free recovery service will be provided within our zone of works.

M5 – Great Crested Newts

- The arrival of warmer weather means that our Environmental Team can recommence the trapping of newts in the verges of the M5 carriageway. Once collected, the newts will be relocated to safer habitats close to their original foraging area.
- Only once we have confirmation that all the newts have been captured are we able to begin the main works.

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