

Managed motorways M4/M5

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Parish Bulletin

August 2012

As we move from summer to autumn the M4M5 project enters the ninth month of construction. Significant progress has been made over the summer period, with foundation piling now complete on the M4, half of the gantry bases constructed and a total of 7 new gantries installed.

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

Full closures

Throughout August we will carry out a series of closures on the M4, M5 and within the Almondsbury Interchange. In support of the national traffic management measures in place during the Olympic period, for the football matches at Cardiff on 1st, 3rd, 4th and 10th August no planned overnight road closures on M4/M5 are taking place on those nights.

2nd, 6th & 14th August

- M5 southbound - junctions 15 - 16

7th, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th August

- M4 eastbound and westbound - junctions 19 – 20
- M4 South to M4 West link road

13th August

- M5 South to M4 East link road
- M5 South to M4 West link road

Closures will be in effect from as early as **22:00hrs**, if traffic flows are low enough, however closures of the link roads within the Almondsbury Interchange may be in effect from the earlier time of **21:00hrs**.

All closures 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.

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Construction Activities

Gantry installations

- Throughout August we will install a total of 7 new cross carriageway gantries on the M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange.
- By the end of August we will have installed 14 of the 33 new gantries.
- The gantries will be installed at night during full closures of the carriageway. See above for details.

Foundation piling

- Piling in the verges of the M4 is now complete.
- Piling in the verges of the M5 is 50% complete, with work expected to be complete in late September.

Gantry bases

- Work to construct the 66 bases that will support the new cross carriageway gantries is 50 % complete.
- Work is expected to be complete in October.

Directional drilling

- Directional drilling is carried out so that power and technology cables can be passed beneath the carriageway.
- Directional drilling is 50% complete.

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