

Managed motorways M4/M5

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Parish Bulletin December 2012

December sees the project enter the 13th month of construction. We reached two major milestones in November: the successful dismantlement of Pegwell Brake Footbridge and the installation of the 33rd and final gantry.

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

Full closures

Throughout December we will carry out a series of closures on the M5, M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange.

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th December

- M4 junctions 19-20
- M5 South to M4 West link road

7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th & 16th

- M5 junction 16 northbound entry slip-road

17th, 18th, 19th & 20th December

- M5 North to M4 East link road
- M5 North 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 junction slip roads and 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.

NB. Carriageways that are to be closed will be reduced to single lane running prior to the closure time.

Signed diversion routes will be in place for all of the closures. If you would like a copy of these routes then please email Matthew.Rolfe@bbcel.co.uk.

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Construction Activities

Christmas shutdown

- Construction activities will cease on Friday 21st December and recommence on Wednesday 2nd January.
- Maintenance will be ongoing as necessary.
- We have no planned closures during this period.

Gantry installations

- All 33 of the new cross carriageway gantries have been installed.

Pegwell Brake Footbridge

- In the early hours of Sunday 11th November our construction team successfully dismantled Pegwell Brake footbridge.
- The footbridge will be replaced with one that provides the necessary height clearance for use of the hard shoulder as a running lane during peak periods.
- Installation of the new bridge is currently programmed for the week commencing 7th January.

Sign installations

- Throughout December we begin to attach the signs to the new gantries on the M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange.
- Some of the sign faces will be covered up until the carriageway is returned to normal lane running.

Safety barrier

- Safety barrier installations on the M4 are now substantially complete and work on the M5 is 20% complete.
- The new sections of permanent safety barrier will help to ensure the safety of the travelling public and protect the new structures.

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