

Parish Bulletin

March 2012

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

Almondsbury Interchange

To complete the installation of narrow lanes within the Almondsbury Interchange we will carry out the following night time 'loop' closures. Loops are the carriageways that link the M4 and M5.

- Friday 2nd March – M4 Eastbound to M5 Southbound and M4 Eastbound to M5 Northbound loops.
- 3rd & 4th / 10th & 11th / 17th & 18th March – M4 Eastbound to M5 Northbound, M4 Eastbound to M5 Southbound, M4 Westbound to M5 Northbound and M4 Westbound to M5 Southbound loops.

The above closures will commence at 22:00hrs, if traffic flows are low enough, and end by 06:00hrs the following day. Signed diversion routes will be in place. (See page 3)

M5

From the 5th to the 23rd March we will carry out a series of lane 1 and hard shoulder closures on both the Northbound and Southbound carriageways of the M5. These closures will be for the installation of temporary CCTV cameras and the laying of communication cables.

- Hard shoulder closures will be in place 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- Lane 1 closures will be take place at night, from the 5th until the 10th March.

Construction activities

Foundation piling (M4)

- Piling work on the verges of the M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange will commence in mid March and are programmed to continue for 8 weeks. These piled foundations will eventually support the 'Superspan' cross carriageway gantries and electronic information signs.
- Three piling crews will work simultaneously, moving along the M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange.
- Foundation piling will be carried out during the day.

Gabion walls (M4)

- Sections of the M4 verge that have been excavated for Emergency Refuge Areas and gantry foundations will be reinforced with Gabion Walls. Gabion walls, which are simply metal cages filled with rocks, are a cost effective and environmentally friendly method of ground reinforcement.

Vegetation Clearance (M5)

- Clearance in preparation for the installation of CCTV systems has commenced and will continue for approximately one week.

Directional drilling (M4, M5 and Almondsbury Interchange)

- Directional drilling will commence in late March at 20 locations on the M4, M5 and within the Almondsbury Interchange
- Directional drilling is carried out so that cabling can be passed beneath the carriageway. Work will be carried out during the day and at night.

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Diversion Routes

- **Closure:** *Friday 2nd March – M4 Eastbound to M5 Southbound and M4 Eastbound to M5 Northbound loops.*

The following diversion route will be in place;

Traffic travelling *eastbound* on the M4 attempting to join the M5 South/North will continue along the M4 to junction 19, leave the M4 at junction 19, join the M32 to travel south and exit at Junction 1. Diverted traffic will then join the A4174 and travel in a westerly direction towards Filton. Diverted traffic will join the A38 and travel North to the M5 Junction16.

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Traffic travelling *westbound* on the M4 attempting to join the M5 South/North will continue along the M4 to junction 22, leave the M4 at junction 22 and follow the M49 South to junction 18(a) of the M5. Dependent on intended direction of travel (North/South) traffic continues as follows;

- To join the M5 southbound traffic simply continues to follow the M49 until it merges with the M5 southbound carriageway.
- To join the M5 northbound carriageway traffic follows signs for Avonmouth (A4), u-turns at Portway roundabout, then follows signs to join M5 Northbound carriageway.