

## Parish Bulletin May 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*

The installation of narrow lanes on the M5, which commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, is now nearly complete. To complete this section of the works, the following closures will be carried out.

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.

- **1<sup>st</sup> May** - M4 Junction 19 Westbound onslip

Work: Surface joint repairs

This work has been notified but due to adverse weather delaying operations on the M5 it will now occur at a date to be advised.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - M5 Southbound Junction 17 exit sliproad – to install temporary safety barrier.

Work: Installation of temporary safety barrier

Diversion route: Traffic travelling South on the M5 wishing to leave at junction 17 will continue South to junction 18, follow diversion route signage to join the Northbound carriageway back to junction 17 and exit.

- **4<sup>th</sup> May** – M4 Eastbound to M5 Northbound and M4 Westbound to M5 Northbound Almondsbury Interchange link roads.

Work: Installation of temporary safety barrier

Diversion routes: Traffic travelling East/West on the M4 wishing to join the M5 Northbound will be diverted South on the M5 to junction 16, u-turn and join the Northbound carriageway.

Signed diversion routes will be in place for all of the closures.

The narrow lanes and temporary safety barrier will remain in place until construction is complete on the M5 in Spring 2013.

To ensure the safety of our workforce, a speed limit of 50 mph will be in place throughout our works (M4 and M5). Avon and Somerset Police will enforce the 50mph speed limits with the use of average speed cameras which have been installed.

## Construction activities

### *M4/M5 – Foundation piling*

- Piling work on the M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange to create the foundations which will support the 'Superspan' cross carriageway gantries is now well under way. This work is programmed to continue into early Summer.

### *M4 – Construction of gantry bases*

- Once foundation piling is completed construction of the concrete gantry bases can commence.
- Work is scheduled to commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and continue into the Summer.

## **Earthworks**

### **M4**

- The larger areas of earthwork operations in the verges of the M4 are now complete. Throughout May our earthworks contractor will complete a series of smaller works, including the removal of existing drainage systems, cutting of surface water drainage channels and the installation of new drains.

### **M5**

- Earthworks to construct piling platforms in the verges of the M5 will commence on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and are expected to continue through to late Summer.
- These works will be carried out at various locations in the verges of the Northbound and Southbound carriageway.

### **M5 – Great Crested Newts**

- Our environmental team has successfully completed the trapping and relocation of newts living in the verges of the M5 carriageway.
- Now that the newts have been moved to safer habitats elsewhere the main construction work on the M5 can commence.

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