

Parish Bulletin November 2012

November will see the project complete one year of construction. By the end of the month we will have reached a major milestone with the installation of the 33rd and final cross carriageway 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 November we will carry out a series of closures on the M5, M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange.

1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 17th & 24th November

- M5 North junctions 17-16
- M5 South junctions 15-17

2nd November

- M5 junction 17 northbound exit and entry sliproads

3rd November

- M5 junction 17 northbound exit sliproad

13th, 14th & 15th November

- M5 North and South junctions 15-17 (No access to M4 from M5 junction 16)

26th & 27th November

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

28th November

- M5 North junctions 17-15 (No access to M4 from M5 junction 16)

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. 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.

Managed motorways M4/M5

junctions 19 to 20 junctions 15 to 17

Construction Activities

Gantry installations

- Throughout November we will install **5** new cross carriageway gantries on the M5.
- By the end of the month all **33** of the new gantries will have been installed.
- The gantries will be installed at night during full closures of the carriageway. See above for details.

Surfacing (M4)

- With the majority of work at the Emergency Refuge Areas (ERAs) complete surfacing can commence. All 4 ERAs on the M4 will be surfaced in November.
- ERAs will provide a place of refuge for motorists whilst the hard shoulder is operating as a running lane.

Safety barrier

- By the end of the November we will have completed safety barrier installations on the M4 and work will have commenced on the M5.
- The new sections of permanent safety barrier will help to ensure the safety of the travelling public and protect the new structures.

Directional drilling

- Directional drilling so that technology cables can be passed beneath the carriageway is now **80%** complete.

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