

Managed motorways M4/M5

junctions 19 to 20 junctions 15 to 17

Parish Bulletin

October 2012

October sees the project enter the eleventh month of construction. Significant progress has been made in all areas, with over half of the 33 new gantries installed (all M4 gantries erected), foundation piling nearing completion and 80% of the gantry bases now constructed.

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

Full closures

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

1st October

- M5 North and South junctions 16-15 (no access to the M4 from M5 junction 16)

2nd, 3rd & 4th October

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

5th October

- M5 junction 17 northbound exit sliproad

Nb. This closure is for works being carried out by the Highways Agency Area2 management contractor.

8th October

- M5 junction 16 southbound exit sliproad
- M4 East and West to M5 South link roads (within Almondsbury Interchange)

9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th & 18th October

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

15th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st October

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

Closures will be in effect from as early as **22:00hrs**, if traffic flows are low enough, however closures of slip roads and 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.

Construction Activities

Gantry installations

- Throughout October we will install a total of **10** new cross carriageway gantries on the M5.
- By the end of the month we will have installed **28** 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 M5 is **90%** complete.

Gantry bases

- Work to construct the 66 bases that will support the new cross carriageway gantries is **80%** complete.
- Work is expected to be complete in late October.

Directional drilling

- Directional drilling so that technology cables can be passed beneath the carriageway is **75%** complete.

Drainage

- All drainage works will have been completed by the end of October.

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