

Parish Bulletin September 2012

As August came to a close, the M4M5 project reached a major milestone with the installation of the last gantry on the M4. With installations on the M4 complete, work on the M5 will now commence; a total of 6 gantries will be installed on the M5 throughout September.

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

Full closures

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

3rd September

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

4th, 5th, 6th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th 26th & 27th September

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

7th September

- M5 North junctions 16-15
- M5 North to M4 East and West link roads

11th, 12th, 13th September

- M5 North junctions 16-15
- M5 South junctions 14-15

17th September

- M4 East and West to M5 South link roads
- M5 junction 16 southbound offslip

21st September

- M5 junction 16 northbound onslip
- M5 North to M4 East and West link roads

24th September

- M5 South to M4 West and East link roads

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.

Managed motorways M4/M5

junctions 19 to 20 junctions 15 to 17

Construction Activities

Gantry installations

- Throughout September we will install a total of 6 new cross carriageway gantries on the M5.
- By the end of September we will have installed 19 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 75% complete, with the majority of work expected to be complete by late September.

Gantry bases

- Work to construct the 66 bases that will support the new cross carriageway gantries is 75% complete.
- Work is expected to be complete in October.

Directional drilling

- Directional drilling so that technology cables can be passed beneath the carriageway is 66% complete.

Gabion walls

- Gabion walls, which are simply metal cages filled with rocks, are a cost effective and environmentally friendly method of ground reinforcement.
- The construction of gabion walls on the M4 and M5 will be completed in September.

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