

Parish Bulletin January 2013

January 2013, the 14th month of construction, sees the project reach another major milestone with the installation of the new Pegwell Brake Footbridge. See construction activities for details.

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

Full closures

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

7th, 8th, 9th & 10th January

- M5 North junction 17-16
- M5 South junction 15-17

11th January

- M5 junction 16 northbound entry slip-road

14th, 16th & 17th January

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

15th January

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

18th, 19th & 20th January

- M5 junction 16 southbound exit slip-road
- M4 East and West to M5 South link roads

21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th & 31st January

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

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. If you would like a copy of these routes then please email Matthew.Rolfe@bbcel.co.uk.

Managed motorways M4/M5

junctions 19 to 20 junctions 15 to 17

Construction Activities

Pegwell Brake Footbridge

- Weather permitting, the new Pegwell Brake Footbridge will be installed on Monday 7th January, followed by the staircases on Tuesday 8th January.
- The bridge and staircases will be installed at night during a full closure of the M5. See above for details.
- The footbridge should be open to the public by the end of January 2013.

Gantry fit out (M4)

- During full closures of the M4 (see above for details) the new gantries will be fitted out with fixed hard shoulder cameras and advanced message indicators (AMIs).
- The fixed hard shoulder cameras and AMIs will not be operational until work on the scheme is complete.

Installation of traffic sensors

- Whilst the M4 is closed for the above work we will install the *Motorway Incident Detection and Automatic Signalling* (MIDAS) sensors.
- The MIDAS loops, metal loops which are installed into the carriageway surface, will allow for monitoring of traffic flow and speeds and assist in the operation of the managed motorway system.

Safety barrier

- Safety barrier installations on the M5 are now 40% complete.
- Work is scheduled to be complete by April 2013.

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