

Parish Bulletin March 2013

In February 2013 the project reached another major milestone with the opening of the new Pegwell Brake footbridge. In March our focus will be on carriageway resurfacing, traffic sensor installations and cross carriageway ducting works.

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

Full closures

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

1, 4 - 8, 11-15, 18, 19, 25-27 March

- M4 East and West junction J19-J20
- M5 South to M4 West link road

16, 17, 23 & 24 March

- M5 North junction J17-J15 (no access to M4 from M5 junction 16)

2, 3, 9 & 10 March

- M5 South junction J15-J17
- M4 East and West to M5 South link roads

20, 21 & 22 March

- M5 South junction J14-J15
- M4 East to M5 North and South link roads
- M4 West through the Almondsbury Interchange

NB. On Saturday **16 March** the northbound exit-slip road at M5 J16 will be closed for an extended period: **20:00hrs-09:00hrs**. On Saturday **23 March** the northbound entry-slip road at M5 J17 will be closed for an extended period: **21:00hrs-09:00hrs**

Closures of the main carriageway 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, unless stated otherwise.

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

Resurfacing work (M4/M5)

- Work to resurface the hard shoulders and new lay-by areas on the M4 will continue throughout March and should be completed by Easter.
- Work to resurface the hard shoulders and new lay-by areas on the M5 will commence in March.
- The above work will be carried out at night during full closures of carriageway (see above for details)

Cross carriageway ducting (M5)

- Work to install cross carriageway ducting on the slip roads at junctions 16 and 17 of the M5 is 30% complete.
- Cross carriageway ducting (heavy duty plastic tubing) is installed beneath the carriageway surface to allow for power and communication cables to be routed between the verge and the main carriageway.

Installation of traffic sensors (M4/M5)

- Work to install traffic sensors on the M4 is now under way and will continue throughout March.
- Installations on the M5 will commence in March.
- The traffic sensors, metal loops which are cut into the carriageway surface, will allow for monitoring of traffic flow and speeds and assist in the operation of the managed motorway system.

Gantry fit out (M4/M5)

- During full closures of the M4 and M5 (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.

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