

Managed motorways M4/M5

junctions 19 to 20 junctions 15 to 17

Parish Bulletin

May 2013

May 2013, the 18th month of construction, sees the project reach a major milestone when we commence the removal of narrow lanes from the M4. See construction activities for further 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 May we will carry out a series of closures on the M5, M4 and within the Almondsbury Interchange.

1, 2, 7, 8 & 13-17 May

M5 North and South J15-J17
(No access to M4 from M5 junction 16)

9 May

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

10 May

M5 North J17-J15
(No access to M4 from M5 junction 16)
M5 J16 southbound exit-slip road
M4 East & West to M5 South link roads

11 May

M5 South J14-J15
M4 East to M5 North and South link roads

12 May

M4 East to M5 North and South link roads

20-23 & 28-31 May

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

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.

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Construction Activities

Resurfacing work (M4/M5)

- Resurfacing work on the M4 is now complete.
- Resurfacing of lane 1 and the hard shoulder on the M5 is now complete.

Removal of narrow lanes (M4)

- From Monday 20 May, for a period of approximately two weeks, we will undertake work to remove the narrow running lanes from the M4.
- Work will include: removal of temporary safety barrier (to be replaced with cones), hydro-removal of temporary white lines and painting of new, permanent white lines at normal lane width.
- Work will be carried out at night during full closures of the carriageway (see page 1 for details)

Installation of traffic sensors (M4/M5)

- Work to install traffic sensors on the M5 and M4 should be completed by the end of May.
- 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 page 1 for details) the new gantries will be fitted out with fixed hard shoulder cameras and Advanced Message Indicators (AMIs).
- Gantry fit out on the M4 is substantially complete. Gantry fit out on the M5 is 50% complete.

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