

# **Press release: Planned roadworks in and around the M25: weekly summary for Monday 13 February to Sunday 19 February 2017**

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of 10 February 2017 but could be subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. All our improvement work is carried out with the aim of causing as little disruption as possible.

## **M3 junctions 2 (M25) to 4a Farnborough, Hampshire: smart motorway improvement**

Work to reduce congestion and improve journey times continues this week with narrow lanes a 50mph speed limit in place on both carriageways between junctions 2 and 4a, with a free recovery service operating 24 hours a day.

The northbound carriageway between junctions 4a and 2 will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 13 February for 5 nights. Work on Saturday morning will finish at 7am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A327, A30, M25 junction 13 to M25 junction 12.

The southbound carriageway between junctions 2 and 4a will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 13 February for 5 nights. Work on Saturday morning will finish at 7am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 13, A30 and the A327 to M3 junction 4a.

The northbound carriageway between junctions 3 and 2 will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 7am, on Saturday 18 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A322 and A30, M25 junction 13 and M25 junction 12.

## **M4 junction 4b, Greater London: drainage survey**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out drainage surveys will start this week. The dedicated link road from the M4 eastbound to the M25 clockwise will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, on Wednesday 15 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 4 and return.

## **M25 junction 6 Godstone, Surrey: sign installation**

Work to improve safety by installing new signs will start this week. The anti-clockwise entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Wednesday 15 February for 5 consecutive nights. Work on Friday will start at 11pm. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction

8 and return.

## **M25 junction 9 Leatherhead, Surrey: carriageway repair**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out carriageway repairs will start this week. The clockwise entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10.30pm and 5.30am, from Monday 13 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 8 and return.

## **M25 junction 12 (M3), Surrey: smart motorway improvement**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out smart motorway improvement continues this week. The dedicated link roads from the M25 in both directions to the M3 southbound will be closed overnight, between 8pm and 5.30am, from Monday 13 February for 5 nights. Work on Saturday morning will finish at 7am. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via M25 junction 13, A30 and the A327 to M3 junction 4a.

## **M25 junctions 10 (A3) to 11 Chertsey, Surrey: bridge joint replacement**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out bridge joint replacement on the structure that carries the M25 over the River Wey and the South West Trains railway line continues this week. The clockwise carriageway will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 8am, on Saturday 18 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A3, A245, A320 and the A317.

## **M25 junction 22 London Colney, Hertfordshire: electrical repair**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out electrical repairs continues this week. The clockwise exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5am, from Monday 13 February for 3 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 23 and return.

## **M25 junctions 25 Enfield to 26 Waltham Abbey, Essex: tunnel maintenance**

Work to test and maintain the Holmesdale Tunnel safety systems will start this week. The clockwise carriageway will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Monday 13 February for 3 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A10 and the A121.

## **M25 junction 28 Brentwood, Essex: resurfacing**

Work to improve journeys by carrying out resurfacing will start this week. The anti-clockwise exit slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 6am, from Monday 13 February for 5 nights. Work on Friday will start at 11pm. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via junction 26 and return.

## **M25 junction 30 Thurrock, Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing will start this week. The anti-clockwise entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Wednesday 15 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A13, A128, A127 and M25 junction 29.

## **M25 junctions 30 Thurrock to 31 Lakeside, Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing will start this week. The clockwise carriageway will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, from Tuesday 14 February for 3 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the exit slip road at junction 30 and the dedicated link road to junction 31.

## **M25 junctions 31 Lakeside to 30 Thurrock, Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing will start this week. The northbound carriageway between junctions 31 and 30 will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Thursday 16 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the junction 31 exit slip road and the dedicated link road to junction 30.

## **A13 (A1306) to (A1012), Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing will start this week. The A13 in both directions between Wennington and North Stifford will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Monday 13 February and between 11pm and 5.30am on Friday 17 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A1306, M25 junction 31 and the A1012.

## **A13 (M25), Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing will start this week. The eastbound entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Tuesday 14 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the dedicated link road between junctions 30 and 31, and the A1012 to the A13.

## **A13 (A1306) to M25 junction 30, Essex: technology testing**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out technology testing will start this week. The eastbound carriageway will be closed overnight, between 10pm and 5.30am, on Wednesday 15 January. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A1306, M25 junction 31 and the dedicated link road to M25 junction 30.

## **A13 (A1012), Essex: electrical repair**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out electrical repairs will start this week. The eastbound entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 11pm and 5am, on Friday 17 February. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the M25 junction 30 roundabout and return.

## **A282 (M25) Dartford – Thurrock Crossing: maintenance**

Work to improve journeys at the Dartford Crossing continues this week. The following closures will be in place with fully signed diversions in place during the northbound east tunnel closures for oversized vehicles:

- Monday 13 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Tuesday 14 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Wednesday 15 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Thursday 16 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Friday 17 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound east tunnel
- Saturday 18 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel
- Sunday 19 February (9pm to 5.30am) northbound west tunnel

## **A282 junction 1a Swanscombe, Kent: tunnel maintenance**

Work to maintain safety by carrying out tunnel maintenance continues this week. The northbound entry slip road will be closed overnight, between 9pm and 5.30am from Monday 13 February for 4 nights and from Saturday 18 February for 2 nights. A clearly signed diversion will be in place via the A282 southbound to junction 1b and return.

## **General enquiries**

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## **Media enquiries**

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## **Press release: Public exhibitions on A46 Coventry junction upgrade**

The A46 is a strategic link between the East and West Midlands, connecting Coventry and Warwickshire to the motorway network. The scheme is part of the government's £15.2bn road investment strategy, involving work to both Binley and Walsgrave junctions.

Highways England will progress with Binley first, helping to improve traffic flows at this important junction. As part of the plans for Binley the A46 dual carriageway will become a flyover with connections via slip roads. Local traffic will continue to use the revised roundabout layout with access in place to and from the A46. This will separate local traffic connecting on to and using the A428 from through-traffic, so that drivers on the A46 no longer need to slow down for a roundabout as they do now, therefore improving traffic flow. The work will also incorporate improvements to the existing footway and cycle path.

Highways England project manager, Malcolm Mitson, said:

This work will help alleviate congestion at this busy junction and improve journey times for motorists. As well as improving the flow of traffic, safety will be improved by separating local traffic from long-distance and business traffic.

The scheme will take approximately two years to complete, with construction starting no later than March 2020 and opening to traffic in 2022.

During the work, Highways England will minimise disruption to road users, local communities and the environment.

People attending the exhibitions will be able to see plans of the proposals, find out more about the scheme and ask questions of the project team.

The events will take place as follows:

- Friday 17 February, 1pm to 8pm Community Centre, Warwickshire Shopping Park, Coventry, CV3 2SB
- Saturday 18 February, 10am to 4pm Binley Woods Village Hall, Rugby Road, Binley Woods, Coventry, CV3 2AX

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# **Press release: Planned roadworks in Devon and Cornwall: weekly summary for Monday 13 February to Sunday 19 February 2017**

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## **Devon**

### **M5 junction 31: resurfacing**

Northbound entry slip road will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 13 February until 16 February. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

### **A30 Albrighton to M5 junction 31, Exeter: resurfacing**

Eastbound carriageway will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 13 February until 17 February. Diversion will be in place via the A377 and B3123 to Devon Motel, then A379, right for the A38 and left for the M5.

### **A38 from M5 junction 31 to Wobbly Wheel junction, Kennford, south of Exeter: resurfacing**

Westbound carriageway will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 13 February to 17 February. Diversion will be in place via the A30 to Alphington, A377, B3123 and A379, with convoy working at Kennford overnight on 15 February.

## **Cornwall**

### **A30 Kennards House, west of Launceston: resurfacing**

Eastbound exit slip road will be closed overnight from 8pm on 13 February until 6am on 14 February. Diversion will be in place via the Pennygillam junction, Launceston.

## **A30 Kennards House to Trebursye, west of Launceston: resurfacing**

Eastbound carriageway will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 14 February to 18 February. Diversion will be in place via Trebursye.

## **A38 between Dobwalls and Turfdown, east of Bodmin: stabilisation work**

24-hour one-way system will be in operation between the Halfway House and Trago Mills until 14 April. A 30mph speed limit will be in place between Two Waters Foot and St Neot junction with a 24-hour westbound diversion via the A390 and North Lane to rejoin the A38 west of Two Waters Foot. Trago Mills can be accessed via the A38 as per normal.

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## **T9 bus service grows as Cardiff Airport goes from strength to strength**

Quarterly figures up to September 2016 show an average of over 13,200 passengers a month used the service in the last year, with month on month growth every month since June 2014.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

“Cardiff Airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the UK and continues to go from strength to strength. I’ve been clear that a reliable, frequent bus service linking the airport to Cardiff and beyond is key if the airport is to reach its full potential and it’s encouraging to see that popularity of the T9 service has risen alongside the growth of the airport.

“The service, of course, serves a dual purpose, not only providing passengers from Wales and the South West with public access to the airport but also providing a vital public transport link to visitors. The airport continues to work hard to increase destinations, routes and possibilities on offer and I look forward

to the T9 continuing to form part of this offering and building on these positive passenger trends.”

Debra Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport added:

“An express bus service is vital for a capital city airport and we are hugely encouraged by the growth of the T9 and keen for opportunities to link the airport to west Wales to be explored.

“As an airport we have huge ambitions for growth and improved surface access, including bus, road and rail links is critical in helping us achieve this.”

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## **Cabinet Secretary announces a new Avian Influenza Prevention Zone**

Lesley Griffiths has also confirmed there will be some important changes to the measures that will apply within the new all-Wales Prevention Zone.

The current Prevention Zone requires all keepers of poultry and other captive birds to keep their birds indoors or take all appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds, and to enhance biosecurity. This follows a number of confirmed cases of Avian Flu across the UK, including in a backyard flock of chicken and ducks near Pontyberem, Carmarthenshire.

Expert advice suggests it is unlikely the current level of risk will change before the current Prevention Zone is scheduled to end on 28 February. In view of this, and following consultation with industry and veterinary representatives, the Cabinet Secretary has decided to put in place a new Prevention Zone, that will take effect from midnight on 28 February.

The new Avian Influenza Prevention Zone requires all keepers to complete a self assessment of biosecurity measures on their premises. The objective being to keep domestic flocks totally separate from wild birds by continuing to keep birds housed or using other measures, which may include permitting controlled access to outside areas, subject to the introduction of additional risk mitigation measures.

The Cabinet Secretary said:

“My decision to put in place a new Avian Influenza Prevention Zone until 30 April is based on sound expert and industry advice.



“The risk of infection from wild birds is unlikely to decrease in the coming weeks. The changes I am announcing today are proportionate and place the onus on the keeper to select the best option for their circumstances to protect their birds. They must, however, ensure compliance with the additional risk mitigation measures”.

The Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, Christianne Glossop added:

“Keepers of poultry and other captive birds must remain vigilant for signs of disease. Avian Influenza is a notifiable disease, and any suspicion should be reported immediately to the Animal and Plant Health Agency. Keepers should practice the highest levels of biosecurity if they are to minimise the risk of infection.

“I continue to strongly encourage all poultry keepers, even those with fewer than 50 birds, to provide their details to the Poultry Register. This will ensure they can be contacted immediately, via email or text update, in an avian disease outbreak enabling them to protect their flock at the earliest opportunity”.