

# [Press release: Planned roadworks in the North West: summary for Monday 13 to Sunday 19 February 2017](#)

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Drivers looking for roadworks information (such as overnight carriageway closures) for individual schemes should now visit [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com). Some of our larger schemes have project pages giving other information. These can now be accessed from a [dedicated regional page](#).

## **M6 junction 16 to junction 19 (Cheshire smart motorway)**

Work is underway to upgrade the M6 to a smart motorway between Crewe and Knutsford, converting the hard shoulder to an extra lane and introducing new variable speed limits. Narrow lanes and a temporary 50mph speed limit are in place for the safety of drivers and workers.

## **M6 junction 19 Knutsford to junction 20 (Knutsford to Lymm interchange)**

The carriageway will be closed overnight between 10pm and 7am on Saturday (11 February) and between 10pm and 7am on Sunday (12 February). A diversion will be in place.

## **M6 junction 22 (Newton-le-Willows)**

Essential bridge maintenance work is underway to replace 40 corroded bearings on the M6 junction 22 bridges. Average speed cameras and a 50mph speed limit are in place. The work, between junction 21a and junction 23, is due to be completed in the spring.

## **M6 junction 33 Lancaster to junction 32 (M55 interchange)**

Resurfacing work on the southbound carriageway started on Monday (6 February). 2 lanes will remain open during the day and 1 lane will remain open overnight. The southbound carriageway will also be closed overnight for 2 nights from Wednesday 15 February, between 8pm and 6am – with entry and access to the southbound services at Forton subject to restrictions. More

details here. The scheme is due to be completed by early March.

## **M6 junction 34 Lancaster**

Lancashire County Council's new link road between junction 34 of the M6 and Heysham has now opened but finishing work will require lane and hard shoulder closures along the M6 through junction 34 to continue for the time being. More information is available [here](#)

## **M6 junction 34 to junction 35 (carriageway and drainage repairs)**

Overnight drainage and carriageway repairs along the northbound carriageway between Lancaster and Carnforth will start on Monday (13 February). Drivers can expect lane – but no full carriageway – closures between 8pm and 6am each night until Friday 24 February,

## **M6 junction 38 to junction 39, north of Tebay Services**

Resurfacing is taking place north of Tebay Services with 1 lane closed during the day and 2 lanes closed overnight on the southbound carriageway. The work is due to be completed by March and a temporary 50mph speed limit is in place.

## **M6 junction 45 to junction 44 (Gretna Green to Carlisle)**

Resurfacing work is taking place on the southbound M6 overnight with 1 lane remaining open to traffic. The scheme is due to be completed by the end of February.

## **M6 junction 21a and /M62 junction 10 (Croft Interchange)**

Construction work on a major project to tackle congestion and improve the flow of traffic between the M6 and M62 at Croft Interchange has now started. While the work is taking place, a 50 mph speed limit, backed by average speed cameras, will be in place along main carriageways of both the M6 and M62 and interchange link roads. Some overnight slip road closures will also take place.

## **M6 Junction 21 and junction 21a (cycle improvement work with A574 Birchwood Way)**

We're improving pedestrian and cyclist access across the M6 with improvements to the existing overbridge and along the bridge's links with the A574

Birchwood Way. The project will also improve the bridge parapet. Works are scheduled to start on or shortly after Friday (17 February) 2017 and will take 2 weeks across several phases with cycleway improvement work between the 9:30am and 3.30pm , Monday to Friday. This will need the closure of the footway along the southern side of the A574 Birchwood Way for the duration of the works. A localised signed pedestrian diversion route will be in place. A lane closure will also be required on the A574 Birchwood Way westbound carriageway between the same hours.

Bridge improvement works will follow between 10pm and 4am , Monday to Friday with closures of the M6 between Junction 21 and Junction 21a on Thursday 23 February and Friday 3 March (both northbound only) and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 20, 21, 22 February and Wednesday and Thursday 1 and 2 March (all southbound). Clearly-signed diversions will be in place.

## **M53 junction 1 to junction 2 (Wallasey to Upton)**

Work to upgrade the safety barrier in the central reservation between junctions 1 and 2 on the M53 started on Monday (6 February). Lane closures will be in place overnight, with some full carriageway closures later in the project. The scheme is expected to take around a month to complete.

## **M56 junction 10 to junction 11**

Work to upgrade the safety barrier and paint new road markings on the M56 near Warrington started on Monday 30 January. Lane closures will be in place overnight between 8pm and 5am, Monday to Friday. The project is due to be completed by the end of March.

## **M60 junction 8 to M62 junction 20 (Sale to Rochdale)**

A major smart motorway scheme is taking place to cut congestion and improve journey times on parts of the M60 and the M62 in Greater Manchester. The scheme involves overnight slip road and carriageway closures, with narrow lanes and a temporary 50mph speed limit in place for the safety of drivers and road workers. Details on overnight closures are available [here](#)

## **M61 junction 2 to A580 (Kearsley)**

Bridge repairs are taking place along the southbound link road from junction 2 of the M61 near Kearsley to the eastbound A580 East Lancashire Road. The work will take place between 8pm and 5am, Monday to Friday, and until 7am at weekends. The scheme is due to be completed next week.

## **M62 junction 18 to M60 clockwise link road**

Overnight – 10pm to 5am – closures of the link road from the westbound M62 onto the clockwise M60 started on Tuesday (7 February) for a week. A diversion will be in place.

## **M66 junction 1 to junction 4 (Ramsbottom to Simister Island)**

Resurfacing work started on Monday 16 January between junctions 2 and 4 of the M66. Some bridge repairs and electrical work will also take place. The work will be carried out between 8pm and 6am and will require some lane or full carriageway closures. A temporary 50mph speed limit will also be in place, and the scheme is due to be completed by March.

## **A5103 Princess Parkway**

In a 1 week, overnight project starting on Monday we're renewing the road markings along the A5103 between the junctions with the A560 Altrincham Road and the M60. The works will take place on the northbound and southbound carriageways and will include replacement of anti-skid material on the associated slip roads.

The work will take place under a number of phases, between the hours of 10pm and 5am. The majority of the work will be carried out Monday to Friday however there may also be some weekend working required. Lane and slip road closures will be in place at time with localised signed diversion routes will be in place.

Please note that during the works, there may be temporary changes to bus services in the area. For more information and to see if you will be affected, please visit [Transport for Greater Manchester website](#).

## **A556 Knutsford to Bowdon**

Construction work to provide a £192 million dual carriageway linking junction 19 of the M6 at Knutsford and junction 7 of the M56 at Bowdon, has entered a final phase with the first of 3 full weekend closures of the motorway junctions and the old A556 taking place from 9pm on Friday (17 February) until 5am the following Monday (20 February). More details here. Routine overnight A556 – 9pm to 5am – closures will continue on weekdays next week and include northbound between Mere and Bowdon roundabout, southbound between Bowdon roundabout and Bucklow Hill and all M56 slip roads at junction 7 and 8. Overnight traffic travelling between A56 Lymm and A56 Dunham roads will be managed by temporary traffic lights overnight.

## **A585 West Drive to Fleetwood Cycleway**

Work is taking place on a new shared footpath and cycleway between West Drive and Fleetwood. Narrow lanes and a temporary 30mph speed limit are being used along the route to help provide a safe space for workers constructing the new shared paths. Work will take place between 7am and 7pm each day with occasional overnight work. The project is due to be completed by the end of March.

## **A590 Lindal in Furness**

Work is being carried out to tackle flooding between Pennington Lane and Bank End Cottages. Temporary traffic lights will be in place from tomorrow (11 February).

## **A595 Egremont**

Repairs are taking place to the safety barriers adjacent to Wyndham Place on the A595 and are due to be completed by the end of February. A contraflow system is in place on the southern approach to the Main Street/East Road roundabout. A planned closure of the A595 for this Sunday (12 February) has been postponed.

## **A66 Bassenthwaite Lake**

A contraflow system is in place while work is carried out on the embankment in the central reservation next to Bass Lake. The scheme is due to be completed in the spring.

## **Thornthwaite (Osprey Site)**

Flood resilience work is continuing. Full overnight – 8pm to 6am – closures of the carriageway nightly until the end of March started on Monday (6 February). Clearly-signed diversions are in place. During the day, Temporary traffic lights are in place along with a 40mph speed limit.

## **A66 Marron Bridge**

Maintenance is underway on Marron Bridge, between Broughton Cross and Bridgefoot. Nightly overnight – 9pm to 5am – closures, with a clearly-signed diversion in place, will start tonight (Friday 10 February). During the day, when the bridge is open, a 30mph speed limit, backed by speed cameras, will be in place – these arrangements will go ‘live’ tomorrow (Saturday 11 February). The project is due to be completed by March.

## **A66 Brough**

Resurfacing and drainage work is taking place on the eastbound carriageway at Brough. Overnight lane closures will be in place, between 8pm and 6am, with traffic led through the roadworks by a contractor’s vehicle. There will also be some lane closures in place during the day.

## **A665 Bury Old Road**

A scheme is taking place to upgrade the safety barriers on the A665 bridge on Bury Old Road over the M60 near junction 17 (Whitefield). The work will be carried out between 8.30am and 11pm, Monday to Friday, with temporary traffic lights and lane closures in place from 6.30pm. Some overnight and weekend

working may also be required. The Kenilworth Avenue junction with Bury Old Road will be closed throughout the scheme, with a diversion in place. The project is due to be completed by March.

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

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## **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.

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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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### **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.”