Press release: Planned roadworks in the North West: summary for Monday 13 to Sunday 19 February 2017

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of Friday 10 February and 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.

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

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 Feberuary). 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 1and 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 <u>Transport for Greater Manchester website.</u>

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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