

Press release: Smoother, safer M6 journeys from £550,000 Lancashire resurfacing project

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A £550,000 Highways England project which includes resurfacing sections of the southbound M6 between Forton Services and Broughton north of Preston, will get underway next week.

The work involves resurfacing across 3 lanes and the hard shoulder between the services south of junction 33 at Galgate and junction 32 at Broughton Interchange with the M55 – providing safer, smoother journeys for drivers.

Highways England project manager Peter Gee said:

This is routine work to tackle wear and tear along the carriageway. To minimise any inconvenience to drivers the carriageway will remain open at all times during the day with 2 lanes running.

During the overnight work, 1 or 2 lanes will be open apart from a couple of overnight carriageway closures when we are resurfacing.

The project, which includes hardening the motorway verge, will start on Monday 6 February and is due to be completed by Saturday 4 March. The resurfacing itself is taking place between Monday 13 February and Sunday 19 February, requiring 2 full overnight closures of the southbound carriageway between junctions 33 and 32 and a diversion using the A6.

The 2 overnight closures of the southbound carriageway from junction 33 to junction 32 will take place between 10pm and 5am on both Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 February. On these evenings access to the southbound Forton Services will be closed at 5.30pm and no one will be able to leave the services after 8pm. The services along the northbound carriageway will remain open throughout.

A 50 mph speed limit will be in operation throughout the work.

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