

[Press release: Works starts on M11 in Essex to restrict lorry daytime overtaking](#)

The work, which will include installing road signs along a section of the M11 in both directions between junctions 8 for Bishop's Stortford and Stansted airport and 9 for the A11, will make journeys safer and more reliable, and improve journey times.

To minimise disruption, the work will be carried out overnight between 10pm and 6am Monday to Friday only, with the hard shoulder and lane 1 closed to keep drivers and road workers safe. It is planned for completion by the end March.

Once the signs are in place, vehicles weighing more than 7.5 tonnes and travelling through the sections of the M11 where signage is displayed will not be allowed to drive in lane 2 of the two-lane carriageway between 7am and 7pm.

Highways England project manager Steve Cox said:

We are committed to getting the best use out of the road network, making journeys more reliable and improve safety. Our research, based on a trial we carried out between April 2010 and September 2011, has shown us that implementing lorry overtaking restrictions on uphill sections of the M11 between junctions 8 and 9 during the daytime would be beneficial to road users, reducing congestion and improving journey times.

Highways England provides up-to-date traffic information [via its website](#), local and national radio travel bulletins, electronic road signs and mobile platforms.

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