

Press release: Work to start on Gateshead bridge

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Work to replace the bridge joints on Blaydon Haugh Viaduct on the A1 in Gateshead, will start tonight, Monday 23 January, maintaining this important route in the region.

Highways England will be replacing the bridge joints on both sides of the carriageway between junction 73 (Derwenthaugh) and junction 74 (Scotswood).

Work will start on the southbound carriageway and temporary road plates will be fitted over the bridge so the route can remain open during the day.

The work will be carried out overnight between 8pm and 6am and a temporary speed limit of 50mph will be in place.

Once work is completed on the southbound carriageway, work will then start on the northbound carriageway. Highways England project manager Michael Hoults said:

It is essential that we carry out this maintenance work on the bridge joints at Blaydon Haugh Viaduct.

We will be carrying out the work overnight when traffic levels are at their lowest to keep disruption for drivers to a minimum.

Laying these temporary plates over the expansion joint will allow us to keep the bridge fully open during the day to help keep drivers on the move.

Preparatory work is being carried out on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 January. The temporary road plates will then be installed on the southbound carriageway overnight on from 8pm on Saturday 28 January until 10am on Sunday 29 January.

The southbound carriageway will then be closed overnight (8pm-6am) from Monday 30 January, seven days a week, until the bridge joint has been replaced. This work is dependent on reasonable weather conditions.

An extended closure will be required when the work has been completed on the southbound carriageway to remove the road plates. Further details on the

closure will be released closer to the time.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

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Government needs to live up to its moral and legal obligation to help people fleeing persecution and war – Diane Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home

Secretary, speaking in response to reports that plans by councils to settle refugees have stalled without Government resources, said:

“Many councils across the country are willing to step up and take their share of refugees. But they cannot provide the housing and services

these
incredibly vulnerable people need without adequate support from the Home
Office.

“This Tory Government needs to live up to its moral and legal
obligation to help people fleeing persecution and war.”

[Press release: Planned roadworks in Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset, BANES, Wiltshire, West Dorset and Devon: weekly summary for Monday 23 January to Sunday 29 January 2017](#)

The following summary of planned new and ongoing road improvements over the coming week is correct as of the above date 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.

Bristol

M32 junction 2 to junction 3: MetroBus scheme (Bristol City Council work)

Narrow lanes with 40mph speed restrictions will be in operation northbound and southbound until April 2017.

Gloucestershire

M5 junction 14 to junction 12: bridge maintenance

Narrow lanes with 50mph speed restrictions will be in operation northbound and southbound until June 2017.

M5 junction 10 to junction 11A: structure maintenance

Narrow lanes with contraflow and 50mph speed restrictions will be in operation northbound and southbound until July 2017.

M5 junction 12: resurfacing

Northbound exit slip road will be closed overnight from 8pm on 27 January until 6am on 28 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

Southbound entry slip road will be closed overnight from 8pm on 27 January until 6am on 28 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

A40 Elmbridge Court roundabout: construction work

Narrow lanes with 40mph speed restrictions will be in place until February 2018.

Wiltshire

M4 junction 16: roundabout reconstruction

Narrow lanes with 40mph speed restrictions will be in place on the eastbound exit slip road until October 2017.

South Gloucestershire

A46 Cold Ashton roundabout to M4: resurfacing

Carriageway will be closed overnight 8pm on 26 January until 6am on 27 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

Devon

M5 junction 30: resurfacing

Southbound entry slip road will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 20 January until 24 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

Northbound exit slip road will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 24 January until 26 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

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Devon

A38 between Drumbridges and Goodstone, south of Exeter: resurfacing

Westbound carriageway will be closed will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 23 January until 26 January. Diversion will be in place via Bickington.

Eastbound carriageway will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 26 January until 28 January. Diversion will be in place via Bickington.

M5 junction 30: resurfacing

Southbound entry slip road will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 20 January until 24 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

Northbound exit slip road will be closed nightly, 8pm to 6am, from 24 January until 26 January. Diversion will be clearly signposted.

Cornwall

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

Eastbound and westbound carriageways will be closed nightly, 8.30pm to 6am, Monday to Friday only, until 30 January. Diversion will be in place via Lostwithiel.

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