

M5 J1-2 Oldbury Viaduct works

e-bulletin – 29 March 2018

We are aiming to complete the works on the southbound carriageway by June this year, subject to weather conditions, we will then move traffic onto the southbound carriageway and begin work on the northbound.

Our repairs to the southbound carriageway have taken longer than we originally anticipated. This is mainly due to the severe winter weather conditions this year and because we found the southbound carriageway to be in a worse condition than expected, with a much higher number of individual repairs than what we had anticipated.



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On 24 March, BMV invited those with an interest in construction to a free, 'behind the scenes' look on site. Visitors heard from BMV staff what it is like to work on a construction site and learnt about the different careers involved in a project. After an induction and safety briefing, visitors were given a presentation on our scheme and then headed out on a tour of the site.



Scheme timelines

If we can maintain the current rate of repair completion and the condition of the northbound carriageway is as expected, then we expect to complete the repairs to both carriageways in autumn 2018. Installation of the new concrete central barrier will continue, we expect until spring 2019.

Road closures

The following M5 closures are required to carry out inspection and traffic management equipment maintenance, the local road closures are required to carry out viaduct deck repairs

There are no full closures over the Easter Weekend

The following closures highlighted in yellow are provisional at this time, details are being confirmed this afternoon and will be confirmed on Tuesday 03 April with a revision issued

24/7 Birmingham Road A457 Eastbound Lane 1 closure

Tuesday 03 April 2018

21:00 – 06:00 Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 southbound entry slip road closed

Wednesday 04 April 2018

21:00 – 06:00 Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 southbound entry slip road closed

21:00 – 06:00 Northbound M5 J5 – 4a Full Closure & J5 northbound entry slip road closed

09:30 – 15:30 Birmingham Road A457 Westbound Lane 1 closure

Thursday 05 April 2018

21:00 – 06:00 Southbound M5 J1 – 2 Full Closure & J1 southbound entry slip road closed

20:00 – 06:00 Spon Lane, Smethwick – Full closure

20:00 – 06:00 Birmingham Road A457 Eastbound full closure

09:30 – 15:30 Birmingham Road A457 Westbound Lane 1 closure

Advance notice from Kier Highways: Barrier repairs M5 southbound junctions 3 – 4

The carriageway will be closed between junctions 3 and 4 on:

Tuesday 03 April and **Wednesday 4 April 2018: 21:00 – 06:00** to install a lane 1 closure for approximately 3 weeks.

This is to facilitate the vehicle restraint barrier replacement works as carried out previously to the northbound carriageway.

The existing barriers have reached the end of their serviceable life.

These works are not part of the Oldbury Viaduct Major Renewal Scheme.

All diversions will be clearly signposted. These closures may be subject to change, any updates will be sent in due course.

If you have any concerns or issues regarding the works on the M5 please don't hesitate to contact us, by calling 0300 123 5000. More information about the scheme can be found online at www.highways.gov.uk/oldburyviaduct