

# M5 J1-2 Oldbury Viaduct works

## e-bulletin - 1 September 2017

**In the past month we've made some real progress on the M5 Oldbury Viaduct concrete repair scheme between junctions 1-2 on the M5.**

**Specifically we've been:**

- removing the existing surfacing and waterproofing to the southbound carriageway
- testing and inspecting the reinforced concrete deck to assess the full extent of the concrete repairs required
- removing a gantry
- grit-blasting the deck
- installing lighting column bases
- continuing to put up scaffolding & encapsulation under the viaduct

These photos illustrate some of the work that has been completed.



Concrete waterproofing and protection being installed



In order to carry out concrete repair and joint replacement works safely, scaffolding is required under most of the 3.2km long, 30 metres wide Oldbury Viaduct. All scaffolding will be encapsulated to prevent the escape of water, dust and debris.

The next phase of our work will see us continuing with some of the works mentioned above and preparing to start hydro-demolition.

To support this work there will be some road closures next week which we have listed below.

## **Road closures**

### **01 September 2017 20:00 - 06:00**

M5 southbound J1 -2 full closure including J1 entry slip road

### **04 September 2017 20:00 – 06:00**

M5 southbound J1 - 2 full closure including J1 entry slip road

M6 J8 southbound to M5 southbound (Western Arm) full closure

### **05 September 2017 20:00 – 06:00**

M5 southbound J1 -2 full closure including J1 entry slip road

We will do everything possible to plan and manage our road works to keep traffic moving, however there will be disruption to the M5 and routes leading into or out of these junctions.

We recommend that where possible you:

- Plan ahead
- Consider using alternative routes including the M42
- Use the bus, train and Midland Metro
- Avoid rush hour
- Car share

If you have any concerns or issues regarding the concrete repair 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](http://www.highways.gov.uk/oldburyviaduct) .