

# M5 junctions 4a to 6 smart motorway Newsletter issue 12, December 2016



### Update of works

Welcome to the 12th edition of your smart motorway newsletter. We wish all our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Over Christmas and New Year we suspended our works and closures to help commuters, who were travelling the length and breadth of the country seeing loved ones over the holidays.

As we start the New Year, the project remains on target to fully open the smart motorway in spring 2017.

In January we will begin to remove the temporary metal barriers between junctions 4a and 5 and will commence resurfacing of lanes 1 and 2 of the motorway with low noise surfacing.

We will need to close the motorway at night to carry out this work. We will keep residents informed of any proposed closures and keep closures to a minimum. A programme of the remaining works can be found on the next page with more details to follow next month.

## Journey Planning

For real time updates on closures, roadworks and traffic levels on England's motorway and major roads network you can visit our website www.highways.gov.uk/m5-junctions-4a-to-6; where you can find updated details of forthcoming closures on our new 'roadworks' tab.

The roadworks tab shows any planned roadworks for the next 14 days, within a 20 mile radius of the project. You can also use the 'roadworks search page' to create your own specified search. In addition, you can find live traffic information services via Traffic England.

#### WINTER

Keeping you updated. During the winter months there is the possibility that we will experience some adverse weather such as frost, ice, snow and freezing fog. This can mean changes to our programme of work, for example, we are unable to resurface in snow and very cold weather or carry out works in dense freezing fog. We will keep you updated of any changes to our programme of work.

### Works in your Area

Highways England will be carrying out essential maintenance work on the M5 between junctions 1 and 2 at the Oldbury viaduct in the coming months with the main construction works expected to start in spring 2017. To prepare for this, the team will be carrying out some preparatory work, starting in January 2017.



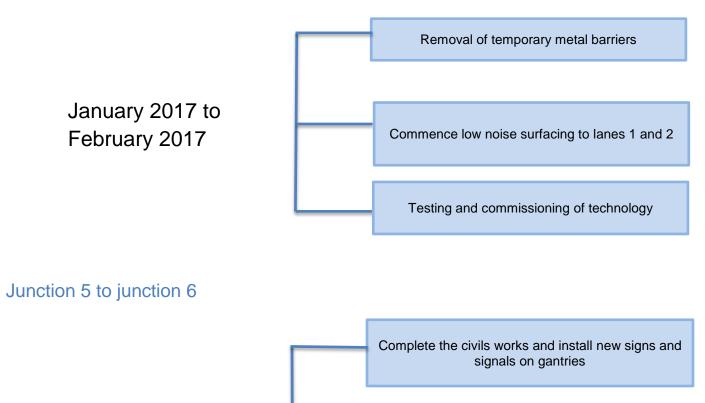
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To find out more information about smart motorways please visit: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-drive-on-a-smart-motorway">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-drive-on-a-smart-motorway</a>

**Timeline of Planned Events** 



Junction 4a to junction 5



January 2017

February 2017 to March 2017

