

M32 Junction 2, northbound slip road

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Northbound exit slip road to remain closed while assessments continue

While the junction 2, northbound exit of the M32 remains closed following the fire that took place underneath the bridged slip road, work is continuing to understand the full extent of the structural damage that has taken place.

The fire burned at an incredibly high temperature, and that in turn has the potential to impact on the structural integrity of the bridged slip road. As things stand – and until more is known – it's not safe to allow traffic to run over the structure.



One of the contractors during an initial inspection; more extensive assessment work will begin in the coming days as a platform is erected

In the past week we have appointed a team of specialist contractors to help us understand exactly what needs to be done to fix the problem. In the coming days a platform will also be erected on the underside of the slip road to help us further assess, monitor and inspect the bridge.

While we are trying to understand if it may be possible to reopen one of the lanes on the exit slip road above, this is not currently possible.

We are working with our partners in Bristol City Council to try and increase the amount of signage warning about the slip road closure within the city centre. In doing so we hope to

remind people about the closure, allow them to take a different route out of the city if need be, and reduce overall levels of congestion at key points.

The advice for motorists remains the same:

- Those using the northbound M32 and wishing to exit at junction 2 should remain on the M32 northbound, exiting at junction 1 (Hambrook) and returning via the M32 southbound to junction 2 (Eastville). The exit slip road on the southbound carriageway is unaffected.

Motorists are advised to leave extra time for important journeys. The impact may also be felt on the local road network as people find alternative ways to reach their destinations.

If you have any concerns or issues regarding the closure of the M32 junction 2 northbound exit slip road please don't hesitate to contact us, by calling our customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

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