July 2020 news bulletin

Two years since construction started, we are making solid progress.

The last two weekend closures (3-6 and 10-13 July) saw the team reach a major milestone between Junctions 8/9 and 10 where work started in July 2018. Most of the work on this section of the M4 is now complete, with extensive resurfacing and the installation of motorway infrastructure such as noise barriers and gantries for overhead signs. Speed restrictions remain in place for now, but we aim to open this section and the section between Junctions 10 and 12 as a smart motorway in Spring 2021.

So far, we have completed 14 weekend closures with 16 more scheduled this year.

Meanwhile, we also opened our first new bridge over the M4 to traffic this month - Monkey Island Lane bridge near Bray. The old structure will be demolished during our next closure of the M4 between Junctions 6 and 8/9 from Friday evening 17 July to Monday morning 20 July 2020. We have several more bridges due to open this year as we continue our progress to completion of the whole project in March 2022.
Weekend closures of the M4 in 2020

We are continually reviewing our weekend closures planned for 2020 in light of the COVID-19 situation and local authority requirements, and this is the updated list until the end of October 2020 – watch this space for updates.

Stay in touch with the project

Although the lockdown is starting to ease, the M4 project continues to maintain strict safeguarding measures on all of our sites to ensure the health of our workforce and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Meetings and events remain on hold but you can still keep up to date at our website: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12.

You can sign up for traffic updates and the monthly news bulletin at the website also.

Find out more

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