



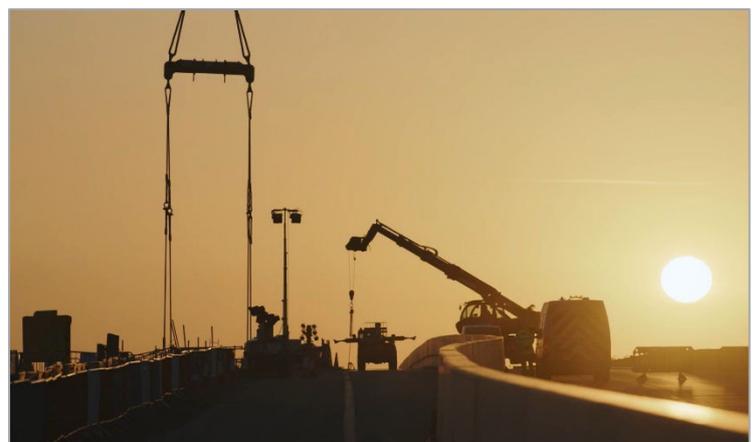
## June 2020 news bulletin

**This month the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway upgrade has hit the halfway point with its most complex work yet.**

Traffic was diverted over two weekends while we installed new beams to widen the M4 bridge over the River Thames at Bray, between Junctions 7 and 8/9.

The historic “New Thames Bridge” is different to the 11 that need replacing. We couldn’t just knock this bridge down and rebuild it, as this would put the M4 out of action for months. Therefore, the only option was to prepare the new sections on a nearby site and then assemble them during weekend closures to create the extra lanes for the new smart motorway.

This was a great example of how to minimise disruption to England’s strategic road network while making capacity improvements for our road users.



# Weekend closures of the M4 in 2020

**The New Thames Bridge work took place using weekend closures, with more planned in 2020.**

We have reviewed 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 September 2020.

Work on the western section of the scheme from Junctions 8/9 to 12, which we started back in July 2018, is currently expected to be finished in March 2021. The project overall will be complete in March 2022.

## 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 with the latest news at our website: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12).

We'll continue to write to residents on a regular basis to keep them informed of work in their local area.

Junctions 4b to 5

26-29 June

Junctions 8/9 to 10

3-6 July

Junctions 6 to 8/9

17-20 July

Junctions 6 to 8/9

24-27 July

Junctions 5 to 6

31 July-3 August

Junctions 5 to 6

7-10 August

Junctions 6 to 8/9

14-17 August

Junctions 4b to 5

4-7 September

Junctions 4b to 5

11-14 September

Junctions 5 to 6

18-21 September

Junctions 7 to 8/9

25-28 September



## Find out more

You can find out more about the project by visiting our websites at: <https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/> or [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12). You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the regional twitter feeds @highwaysEAST and @highwaysSEAST or by visiting [Traffic England](http://TrafficEngland.com). If you have a question that you would like a response to please continue to email us at: [M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk), call 0300 123 5000 or write to: M4 J3-12 Smart Motorway, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.