June 2019 news bulletin

The project is now well underway with works taking place from just past Junction 12 at Theale all the way up towards Junction 7 at Slough West, including enabling work on the various structures along the route.

We are also due to start work over the summer between Junctions 3 (Hayes) and 4b (the M25). This will initially be enabling works from July – with use of specific sections of the hard shoulder to provide working space for site clearance. Main work, including the traffic management system, will be in place between these two junctions from September with three narrow lanes, a 50mph speed limit and removal of the hard shoulder.

We will have a free 24/7 recovery service in place through all roadworks. If you break down you should put on your hazard lights – if you are in the left-hand lane and it is safe to do so, exit the vehicle by the left-hand door and wait behind the barrier if possible. If you cannot exit the vehicle safely, keep your seat belt on and call 999.

What’s happening on the M4 project over summer?

Bridge demolition update

We are still on schedule to take down Recreation Ground overbridge (pictured below) linking Datchet and Upton Court Park over the weekend of 27th to 30th September. The M4 between Junctions 5 and 6 will be closed in both directions from 10pm on the Friday night to 5am on the Monday morning.

We will keep you up to date in these newsletters and there will be a major information campaign in the weeks leading up the closure. The next demolition will be Marsh Lane overbridge near Dorney which will require a weekend closure from 15th to 18th November between Junctions 6 and 8/9.

Going back to university

Members of the M4 team were at Reading University recently to talk to students from the MSc Construction Management course. The team took the students through the scheme, the construction process, health and safety issues and talked about careers in the infrastructure sector.

We are always keen to engage with local students so please get in touch if you are interested. Meanwhile, our school engagement programme starts in the Autumn.
As the amount of work increases, so does the team

Central reservation work near Junction 11  
Gantry foundation work near Junction 10

The M4 J3 to 12 smart motorway team is always growing and at the peak of the project we will have over 1,000 people working up and down the route. We work with local Jobcentres and we have several sub-contractors including L Lynch, Aggregate Industries, Colas, Danny Sullivan & Sons, and JP Construction.

The latest responses to your comments on the Commonplace site will be published every month. We’ll post these in the news section.

https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/

The site is not designed for a response to every comment, but we do use it to inform our work and we do investigate when concerns or problems are reported and try to resolve matters.

M4 overnight closures planned in June

There are several overnight full closures (usually 22:00 to 05:00) currently booked during June.

Weekly updates on the latest closures, including slip road closures will be available in the news section of our Commonplace site, usually every Friday – you can sign up to receive email updates. You can keep up to date with other local road closures and live traffic information at the Traffic England website.

NB: In the event of poor weather conditions or other issues out of our control, planned works may be postponed at short notice. If works complete ahead of schedule the motorway may reopen early. Signage will be in place to notify of any changes.

Our response to your online comments

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Find out more

You can find out more by visiting our websites at: https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/ or www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12. You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the regional twitter feed @highwaysSEAST or by visiting the Traffic England website.

If you have a question that you would like a response to please continue to email us at: M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk, call 0300 123 5000 or write to: M4 J3-12 Smart Motorway, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.