September 2019 news bulletin

The main news this month is the demolition of the first structure in the M4 project, Recreation Ground overbridge (pictured right), over the weekend of 27-30 September 2019. More details below.

Work is also getting underway between Junctions 3 and 4b following enabling work over the summer. Three narrow lanes and a 50mph speed limit will be in place from mid-September 2019 and access to the hard shoulder will also be removed during the work.

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 in the autumn?

Bridge demolitions and weekend motorway closures

We are on schedule to take down Recreation Ground overbridge linking Datchet and Upton Court Park over the weekend of 27-30 September. The M4 between Junctions 5 and 6 will be closed in both directions from 8pm on Friday 27th to 6am on Monday 30th September. This is part of a significant package of structures work taking place in autumn 2019 ahead of more bridge demolitions in 2020.

Further full weekend closures include:

- The M4 will be closed over the weekend of 15-18 November between junctions 6 to 8/9 for the demolition of Marsh Lane overbridge and the lifting of the new bridge beams at Monkey Island Lane overbridge.

- The M4 will again be closed over the weekend of 29 November-2 December between junctions 6 to 8/9 for the demolition of Huntercombe Spur overbridge at junction 7. A temporary overbridge will be installed in advance during the 15-18 November closure.
Diversion route for closure between junctions 5 to 6

During the full closure of the motorway in both directions over the weekend of 27-30 September, traffic will be diverted along a route previously agreed with the local authorities. This route will use the A4 and the A355 through Slough. Diversions will begin 8pm Friday evening, until 6am Monday morning. Please, if possible, avoid driving in the area during this weekend and use alternative routes or transport.

Your online comments

There is information and regular news, including a weekly update on forthcoming road closures, available on our engagement website:

https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/

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