

Western Region Railway Bridge Replacement | A404(M)



Welcome to the third edition of the newsletter for the A404(M) Western Region Railway Bridge Replacement. Birse Civils are the principal contractors appointed by the Highways Agency for the scheme, which commenced in September 2009 and is due for completion Summer 2011.

During the summer we have had a series of weekend road and railway line closures, which has enabled us to demolish and remove the southbound section of the bridge. During this period, traffic has

continued to run on narrow lanes using a contraflow traffic management system.

This culminated in our removing the bridge support steelwork for the southbound section over the weekend of 24 and 25 July 2010. The photograph shows the 1000 tonne crane used to remove the steelwork.

The next phase will be to construct the first part of the new deck.

The steel bridge deck beams will be lifted into position on the new supports and concreted into place. The southbound traffic will then be diverted onto this part of the new bridge.

Following this, the next section of old bridge deck will be demolished and the whole of the new bridge will be slid across to fill the gap left by the demolished section. This allows us to build the next section of new bridge. Once this is done, there will be a further traffic management switch and when all the traffic is running on the new bridge, demolition of the final section will take place.

The last section of new bridge can then be constructed and the whole bridge slid across to its final resting place.

When all sections have been installed, the temporary road surfacing will be removed and a permanent surfacing applied.

If you would like any information on the project or wish to discuss the scheme, please telephone Birse freephone helpline number 0800 032 9760 or the site office on **01536 714940**

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