

M1 Junctions 21 to 30: Widening and Improvements Public Exhibitions and Consultation 30th March – 28th June 2006

Our proposals

To improve 50 miles (85km) of Motorway between Leicester (Junction 21) and Chesterfield (Junction 30) of the M1 to:

- Ease Congestion
- Improve Journey Times
- Improve Reliability
- Improve Safety

Background: events timeline

- 2002: April** A report on North/South movements on the M1 corridor in the East Midlands recommends motorway widening and junction improvements
- 2002: Dec** The Secretary of State announces support to widen and improve the M1 in the East Midlands
- 2004: April** The M1 Widening Junctions 21-30 Scheme enters the Government's Targeted Programme of Improvements
- 2006: March** Environmental Statement published for Contract 1

The need to widen

- Built in the 1960s
- Originally designed for use by 67,000 vehicles per day
- Today carries up to 100,000 - 150,000 vehicles per day

Benefits of widening

- Reduced congestion
- Improved driver information
- Regeneration & economic benefits
- Environmental benefits

Without widening

Vehicle flows are predicted to grow causing:

- Increased congestion
- Longer journey times
- Less reliability

A package of improvements

To be delivered in two contracts:

Contract 1

- Widen M1 to four lanes between Junctions 25 and 28 by
 - Converting hard shoulder into fourth lane
 - Constructing new hard shoulder next to existing carriageway
- All works within the existing Highways Agency boundary
 - NO land acquisition necessary



We have published an Environmental Statement for Contract 1. A copy will be on display at our exhibitions or available at local Council offices and libraries in the East Midlands. A full list of these addresses are listed in the Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Statement or on our website:

www.highways.gov.uk/m1eastmidlands

The Secretary of State is inviting comments on Contract 1. These should be submitted in writing by 28th June 2006 using the free post envelope provided with this leaflet. The Secretary of State will consider all views and comments on Contract 1 before a decision is made to proceed.

Indicative programme dates for Contract 1

Public Exhibition	Spring	2006
Start of Works	Summer	2007
Completion		2009/2010

A package of improvements

To be delivered in two contracts:

Contract 2

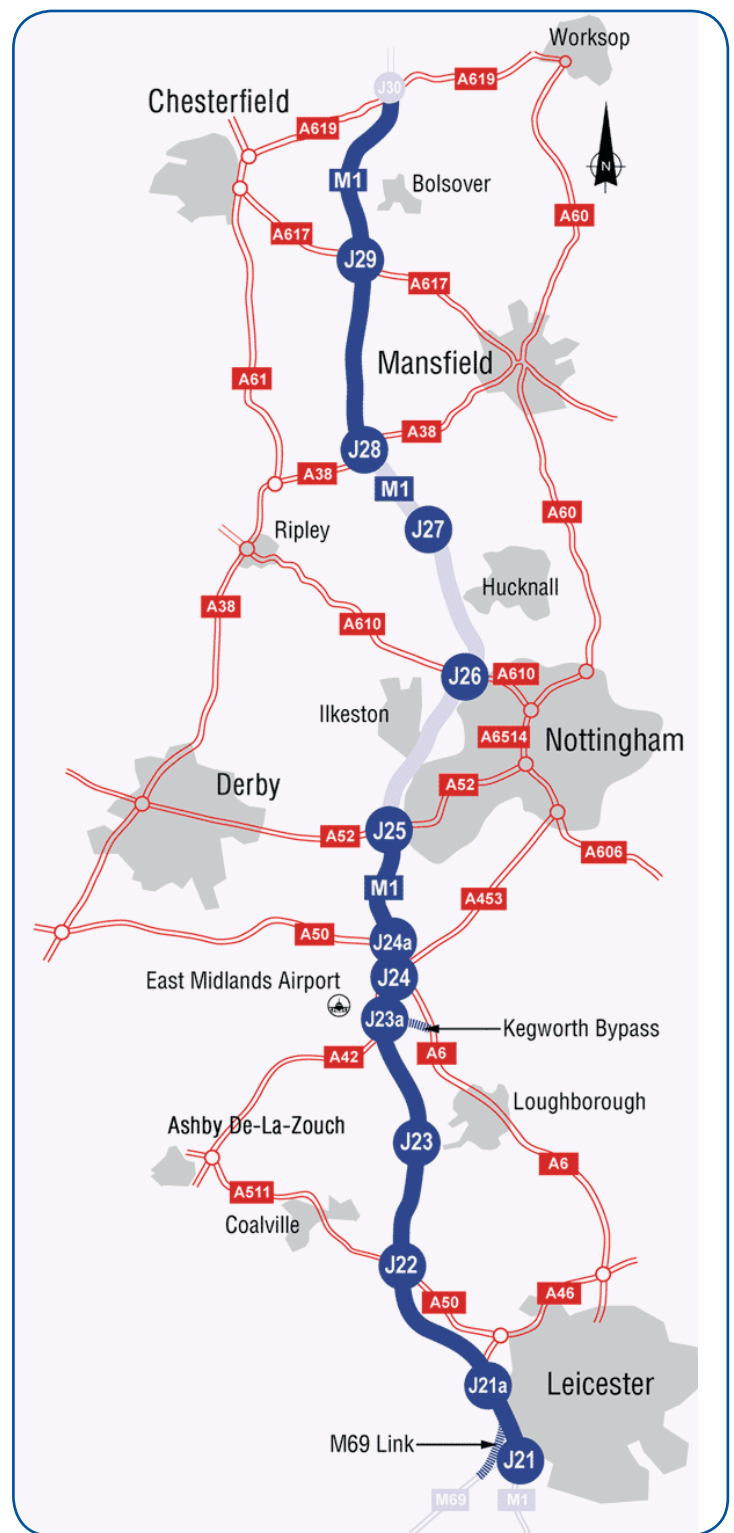
- Widen the rest of M1 motorway between Junctions 21 and 30 to four lanes
- Improve all junctions along the route
- New Kegworth bypass
- New links to M69

These proposals are at an early stage of design and we would like your comments before carrying out detailed design work. You can see the plans of the proposals at our exhibitions and have the chance to discuss them with representatives from the Highways Agency.

You are invited to send us your comments on the proposals by completing and returning the attached questionnaire in the enclosed free post envelope. These responses will be carefully considered before the Secretary of State makes a decision and announces the preferred route. We will publish a summary of the responses on our website and copies will be available on request.

Indicative programme dates for Contract 2

Public Consultation	Spring	2006
Preferred Route Announcement	December	2006
Publish Draft Orders		2007/08
Publish Environmental Statement		2007/08
Public Inquiry (if required)		2008/09
Secretary of State Decision		2009
Start of Works		2009/10
Completion		2014/15



Not just a widening scheme

We also propose to improve this stretch of motorway to current highways standards by:

- Re-surfacing with low noise materials
- Reconstructing and/or improving bridges
- Improving all junctions to increase their capacity
- Adding new improved direction signs
- Incorporating new technology such as building new signal gantries with electronic messaging signs at 1km intervals

Respecting the environment

We take our environmental responsibilities seriously and are committed to reducing negative impacts and wherever possible improving the existing situation.

Our environmental surveys cover factors such as:

- Noise
- Air quality
- Water quality
- Ecology and biodiversity
- Landscape and visual issues
- Pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and the local community
- Archaeology, cultural heritage and protected sites of interest

We will carry out extensive environmental assessments for all aspects of the proposals. We will publish these in an Environmental Statement and place a non-technical summary on our website.

Environmental proposals

Landscaping

- Landscaping plans will be produced and planting and vegetation used with the aim of minimising visual intrusion and, where possible, improving the existing situation.

Lighting

- Lighting reduces accidents on our roads
- We intend to install new and replacement lighting as part of our proposals
- The lights are specially designed to minimise light spillage outside the highway boundary

Noise

- We aim to reduce the effects of noise generated by increased levels of traffic on the M1. We will do this by providing:
 - Noise Barriers. These fences act as a barrier to sound.
 - Additional fencing is proposed as well as increasing the height of some existing fences.

Road Surfacing

- Low noise materials will be used to reduce the amount of noise generated by traffic



Further information

Our website contains much of the information displayed at the exhibitions, please visit us at:

Web: www.highways.gov.uk/m1eastmidlands

Email: m1eastmidlands@highways.gov.uk

Phone: 08457 504030
(Highways Agency Information Line)

Write to: M1 Widening J21 - J30 Team, 5 Broadway,
Broad Street, Birmingham, B15 1BL

Public exhibitions/consultation

We will hold public exhibitions to display detailed plans and to explain the proposals. You are invited to attend and take the opportunity to comment.

The venues and opening times of the exhibitions are listed below:

Long Eaton Town Hall, Derby Road,
Long Eaton, NG10 1HU
Thursday 30th March 2006 From 16:00 to 20:00

Long Eaton Town Hall, Derby Road,
Long Eaton, NG10 1HU
Friday 31st March 2006 From 14:00 to 20:00

Nuthall Temple Centre, Nottingham Road,
Nuthall, NG16 1DP
Wednesday 5th April 2006 From 14:00 to 20:00

Kirby Muxloe Village Hall, Station Road,
Kirby Muxloe, LE9 2EJ
Friday 7th April 2006 From 14:00 to 20:00

Kegworth Village Hall, Nottingham Road,
Kegworth, NG11 0HE
Saturday 8th April 2006 From 10:00 to 16:00

Selston Parish Hall, Mansfield Road,
Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6EE
Wednesday 12th April 2006 From 14:00 to 20:00

We welcome your views

We value your opinion and would like to hear from you. If you wish to make any comments, please do so by 28th June 2006.

All comments for Contract 1 should be submitted in writing but please use the attached questionnaire to express your views on Contract 2 or the scheme as a whole. Both can be sent to us in the enclosed envelope (no stamp required).

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Agency.

The Agency will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in the majority of circumstances; this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.



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For general Highways Agency information:

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email: ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

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Driving through roadworks

If you do have to drive through roadworks, please take extra care.

- Keep to the speed limit - it is there for your safety
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not on the roadworks
- Keep a safe distance - there could be queues in front
- Get into the correct lane in good time - don't keep switching
- Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Observe all signs - they are there to help you



Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.