

## M62 improving Junction 6 Newsletter issue 2

Welcome to the second newsletter designed to keep you up-to-date with our progress at M62 Junction 6.

### Progress

Work is progressing very well on the junction improvement project and we remain on programme for opening the new link roads in late autumn 2008.

At the start of February we held a Site Open Day to allow the public to visit our offices and ask us questions about the scheme. Construction photos and archaeological artefacts were on display and the event was very well attended.

We are now well over half way through the construction programme. We have been on site for 12 months with the work scheduled to take 20 months.

### A5300 Off Slip Bridge

We are now constructing the supports that will hold the concrete bridge beams. These will be lifted into position towards the end of May. This work will require the closure of the off slip and because this is the last junction before the A5300 northbound becomes the M57 we have to close the road at Speke Boulevard Roundabout. This is to avoid forcing non-motorway traffic onto the M57. The closures will take place at night to limit any delays to your journey. Diversion routes will be clearly signed. We will publicise the closures nearer the time.

### Windy Arbor Road Bridge

Work on Windy Arbor Road Bridge is well advanced with the main deck slab having been cast. Over the next couple of months various cables and pipes will be diverted through the new bridge. Windy Arbor Road is scheduled to be diverted onto the new bridge in late July. No road closures will be required.

### Potters Pitts Footbridge

The Construction of Potters Pitts Footbridge construction has started and the embankments are now complete (see photo on front page). The footbridge itself will be built at ground level and lifted into place in June this year. The bridge will form the extension to the existing disused rail bridge and it is being provided to enable Knowsley Council to create the cycle path/footpath into the old Potters Pitts colliery site.

### Overhead Signs

Construction of the bases for the seven overhead signs is well underway. The signs will be lifted into place in June. For safety reasons the motorway will have to be closed for these operations. These closures will also take place at night and the dates and diversion routes will be publicised nearer the time.

### New M62 Slip Road Opening

The next change to the road layout will be the opening of the newly realigned M62 westbound on-slip (towards Liverpool). The old slip-road will remain in use until the new one is opened in late May.

## Traffic News

Construction of the last section of the new slip road, which connects it to Tarbock roundabout, is scheduled to start on Wednesday 7th May, after the May Day Bank Holiday lasting for two weeks. To carry out this work safely we will have to shut the inside lane of the roundabout. We do expect some disruption on the roundabout and approaching slip roads. We will be doing everything we can to minimise delays, however you are advised to seek an alternative route, avoid peak travel times and allow additional time for your journey.

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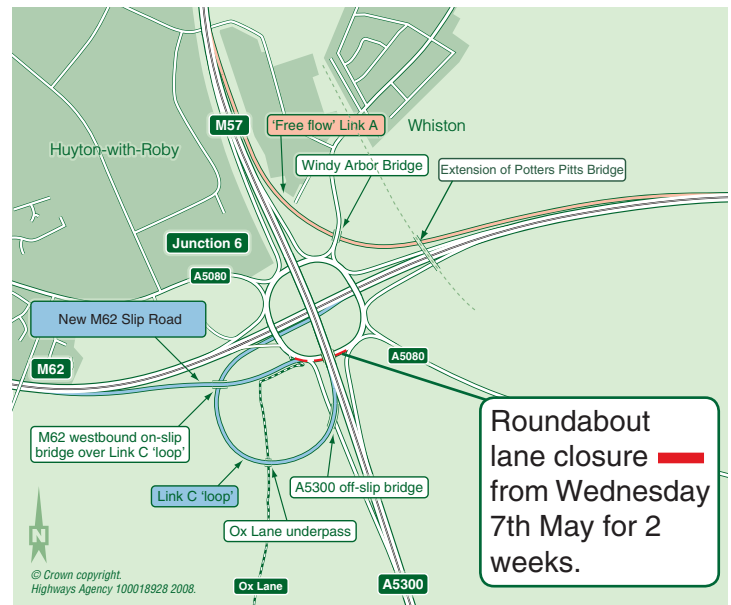
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## Safe driving at roadworks

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



**During 2006 two workers were killed and 19 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads.**

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, when you are approaching roadworks:

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