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M1 J25 to J28 Newsletter

Newsletter No1. - October 2007

Welcome to the M1 J25 to J28 newsletter

This newsletter comes from the delivery team comprising the Highways Agency and the contractor MVM who over the next three years will widen the 23 km (14 miles) section of the M1 between junction 25 and junction 28.

We will issue these newsletters on a regular basis to keep residents, road users and other interested groups informed about our work and the way we will carry it out.

We look forward to meeting many of you at our Start of Works exhibitions in October.



Tony Turton
HA Project Manager

Our aim is to minimise disruption for our neighbours during construction we will do this by:

- Carrying out as much of the work as we can during daytime.
- Signing clear diversion routes where we have to temporarily close roads; these diversions will be agreed with local authorities, and we will keep the closures to the shortest time we can.
- Locating our site offices next to the motorway and where our site vehicles or operations have the least direct impact on people.
- Replacing noise barriers as quickly as we can.
- Using techniques and machines designed to minimise vibration.
- Taking measures to reduce the amount of dust we produce.
- Ensuring we keep in constant contact with our neighbours throughout the project to keep them informed of the details as work progresses.



David Welsh
MVM Project Manager

“We plan to carry out these works with the minimum of inconvenience and complete them by Christmas 2010”



We will minimise disruption for road users and ensure their safety during construction by:

- Keeping three lanes in each direction available between 6am and 8pm; where we need lane or carriageway closures, we will plan these wherever possible to be at night when fewer people use the motorway.
- Not having contraflows i.e running some of the traffic in opposing directions on one carriageway on the M1 – this will help traffic run more smoothly through the roadworks.
- Operating a 50mph enforced speed limit through the roadworks – because the hardshoulder is closed and lane widths reduced during the works. This makes it safer for the workforce and drivers by giving drivers more time to react to traffic conditions ahead.
- Monitoring the route by CCTV, and dispatching free recovery vehicles as soon as we see a breakdown or accident. Vehicles and their occupants will be taken to local motorway service areas e.g. Tibshelf or Trowell.

Public exhibitions

There will be an opportunity for you to meet key members of the delivery team, and find out more about our plans, at three Start of Works exhibitions as listed below:-

**Temple Centre, Nottingham Road, Nuthall, NG16 1DP
Thursday 18th October 2007,
2pm to 8pm**

**Risley Hall Hotel, Derby Road, Risley DE72 3SS
Thursday, October 25,
2pm to 8pm**

**Pinxton Village Hall,
3 Kirkstead Road, Pinxton,
Derbyshire, NG16 6NA
Saturday October 27,
10am to 3pm**



The Project

We will add one extra lane in each direction between junction 25 and junction 28, increasing the current three lanes with a hard shoulder, to four lanes with a hard shoulder. To do this we will need to:

- Move more than 800,000 tonnes (787,000 tons) of earth.
- Install 50km (31 miles) of new drains.
- Demolish and replace two bridges and improve other bridges.
- Replace hundreds of street lights
- Convert the existing hard shoulder to become a traffic lane.
- Construct a new hard shoulder and resurface the motorway with low noise material.
- Install a new concrete safety barrier in the central reserve.
- Put up around 50 gantries with signs over each carriageway.

The work planned over the next few months is:

November and December 2007

Tree pruning and vegetation clearance, at the side of the motorway, junction 26 to junction 27.

Widening work at the following bridges: B600 Nottingham Road, Nuthall; A610 Nuthall; Brookhill Lane, Pinxton

To ensure the safety of the workforce, there will be localised restrictions on the B600 Nottingham Road at Nuthall, the A610 at Nuthall, Brookhill Lane in Pinxton and hard shoulder closures on the motorway for bridge work between junctions 25 and 26, and again between junctions 27 and 28.

January and February 2008

Widening work from junction 26 to junction 27 – extending the embankments and widening the cuttings, constructing retaining walls, removing some parts of the old carriageway, laying a new carriageway surface, creating gantry sign foundations (up until the autumn).

Tree pruning and vegetation clearance, junctions 25 to 26 and junctions 27 to 28.

Continuing bridge work at B600, A610 and Brookhill Lane. Start of bridge work at B6019 Pinxton Green, Pinxton.

Traffic barriers will be provided to separate the workforce from road vehicles.

We apologise in advance for any disruption we may cause, our aim is to minimise this wherever possible.

Keeping your children safe

We hope that you will work with us to ensure that we achieve our goal of a safe site. We are particularly concerned that children understand the dangers associated with a construction site and that you will help us to discourage them from entering the site to explore or play.

Keeping you informed

There will be signs erected throughout the site giving contact details in the case of emergency. Please tell us of any concerns that you have about our work so that we can do our best to resolve them quickly.

You can raise other issues or queries by using the contact details set out below.

We will give further updates in future newsletters.

We hope that you have found our newsletter useful. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve it, then please let us know.

For more information

See www.highways.gov.uk/m1eastmidlands

Contact us

Please contact us with your comments or queries

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Safe driving at roadworks



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.

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

Got a question or comment?

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