



March 2021 news bulletin

In the eastern section of the project we have begun switching activity from the verge into the central reservation between junctions 5 and 6. The main feature of a central reservation is removing the metal barrier and upgrading it with a concrete barrier. These require less maintenance than steel barriers with increased resistance to cross over incidents.

Weekend closures continue to take place between junctions 3 and 8/9 where we undertake activities that would not be possible without closing the road. On the right you can see a 'superspan' gantry being installed during a recent weekend closure between junction 6 and 7 on the M4.

Activity continues to take place between junctions 8/9 to 12. Work is taking place during overnight closures to protect those working in the road now that the metal construction barrier has been removed. We are grateful for the ongoing patience of our customers whilst we carry out this work.



An example of the concrete barrier we will begin constructing in the central reservation between junction 5-6



A 'Superspan' gantry installation during a recent closure

Weekend closures

To the right, are all the upcoming weekend closures up to mid May 2021, as part of the M4 J3-12 motorway upgrade. Weekend closures are used to complete work that would not be possible otherwise e.g. extensive surfacing, complex work across multiple lanes and switching traffic management layouts. Closures keep drivers and our workers safe whilst upgrades take place. These closures are subject to change so always make sure to check before you travel.

Junctions 6-7	20-22 March
Junctions 5-6	26-29 March
Junctions 6-8/9	9-12 April
Junctions 5-6	16-19 April
Junctions 6-8/9	23-26 April
Junctions 6-8/9	7-10 May
Junctions 6-8/9	14-17 May



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