

October 2021 News Bulletin

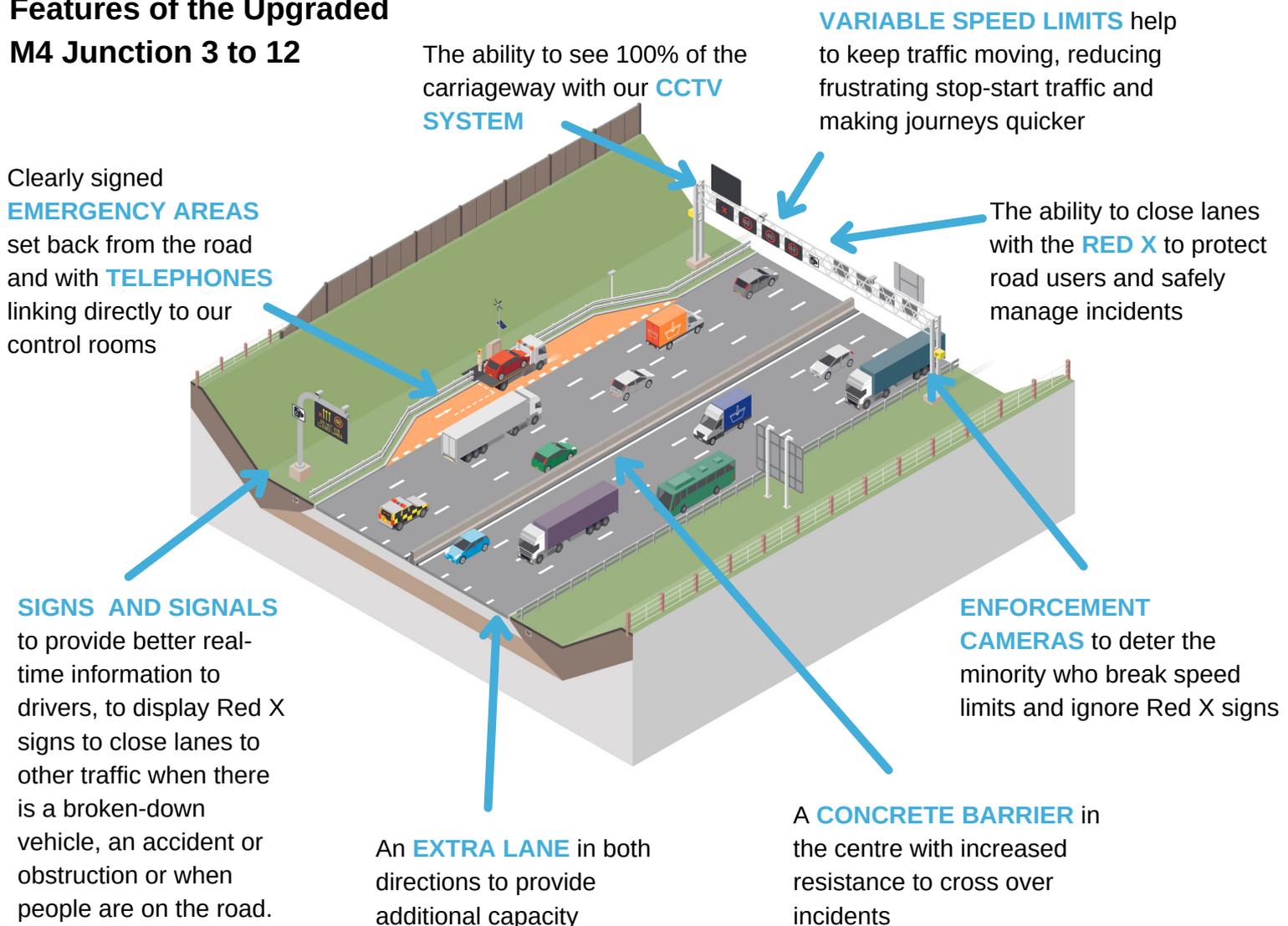
During early October the cones are being removed from lane one between junctions 8/9 and 12. Four full width lanes will be open to traffic at a temporary speed limit of 60mph.

The temporary speed limit will remain in place until later this year while the automated elements of the new technology are calibrated.

During this time, while the technology is monitored, the construction CCTV and free recovery will remain in place and more traffic officer patrols will be present.

Towards the end of the year, the upgraded motorway will be fully opened at 70mph and all the inter-related features working together.

Features of the Upgraded M4 Junction 3 to 12



STOPPED VEHICLE DETECTION and how this integrates with the other upgrade features

Stopped vehicle detection technology detects stationary vehicles, typically within 20 seconds, and so can reduce the risk of collision between a moving vehicle and a one which has stopped. It provides an alert to our control room and at the same time, it can also automatically display a 'report of obstruction' message to drivers to warn oncoming drivers of a stopped vehicle ahead. Our operators then set a Red X sign to close one or more lanes, adjust speed limits and deploy traffic officers. Visit 'Driving on Motorways' on the National Highways website for more information <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/road-safety/driving-on-motorways/>

Weekend Closures

On the right are the weekend closures planned up to the end of October 2021. Weekend closures are used to complete work that can only be done safely when the whole carriageway or motorway is closed e.g. extensive surfacing, complex work across multiple lanes and switching traffic management layouts. Closures keep drivers and our workers safe while upgrades take place. These closures are subject to change so please always check before you travel.

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Junctions 8/9 - 12

1 - 7 October

A series of overnight closures to remove traffic management for all lane running. Only one stretch at a time closed, e.g. junction 11-12

Junctions 3-4b

9-11 October

Junctions 3-4b

15-18 October

Junctions 4b-5

22-25 October

Work Continues Junction 3 to 8/9

As we prepare to open junction 8/9 to 12, work continues between junction 3 to 8/9 where almost all sections have now switched from working in the verge to the central reservation. Ongoing activities include the installation of gantries, fencing, central barrier, new technology and large scale resurfacing. Work will be ongoing in this section of motorway until Spring 2022.



Find out more

You can find out more about the project by visiting our website at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12. You can keep up to date with live traffic information by following the regional twitter feeds [@highwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysEAST) and [@highwaysSEAST](https://twitter.com/highwaysSEAST) or by visiting [Traffic England](https://www.trafficengland.co.uk). If you have a question that you would like a response to please continue to email us at: M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk, call 0300 123 5000 or write to: M4 J3-12 Motorway Upgrade, National Highways, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.