

M5 junctions 4a to 6 smart motorway

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Update of works

Welcome to the 10th edition of your smart motorway newsletter.

Another busy month on the project has seen work begin to install new cabling to connect all of the new technology for the smart motorway. This work is currently taking place between junctions 4a and 5 during daytime hours. The cables are installed in new ducts along the verges which means that our workforce may not be easily seen, whilst this work is undertaken, when traveling along the M5.

We also continue to install overhead gantries which will carry the signs and signals for the smart motorway scheme during night time closures.

Details of any future closures and diversion routes that will take place to complete works can be found on the Highways England website: www.highways.gov.uk/m5-junctions-4a-to-6



Ducts being checked in the verges prior to the installation of cables

Future programme

The scheme is still on track for our completion date in spring 2017, we will soon be writing out to residents and parish councils with details of our programme of works between now and our completion date.

What will we see over the next month?

- Installation of vehicle restraint systems (safety barriers)
- Final finishes to the verges with seeding and planting
- Further drainage repairs and upgrades, including outfalls
- Continuation of ducting for the new communications systems
- Installation of new motorway signs and signals

Community Engagement

The project website has recently been updated with a more user friendly site. The site has a modern layout designed to work across all devices, from desktop to mobile.

The new site no longer contains a 'Journey Impact' section, which formerly held dates for future closures. This is because user evidence revealed that Journey Impact content was not well used or liked by customers and caused confusion, as it could easily become out of date (if closure dates changed for any reason).

Instead the new site offers clear routes through to live traffic information services – Traffic England, where customers can use our

“roadworks report tool” to check the latest closure dates by selecting the road, junctions and date you plan to travel to generate your own bespoke report.

We will also soon be providing a ‘roadworks calendar’ on the website as part of the ongoing development of the new webpages.

In the interim period, we have included a timeline of events below; to provide some forward visibility of works that are planned to take place on this scheme.

You can also register to receive regular forward look emails of planned closures, please register your interest with Nick Cuming on the below email address.

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How far have we come?

Earthworks

Piling Platforms	100% complete
Embankment Regrade	98% complete
Gabions*	100% complete
Gabions at chambers	100 % complete
Verge Trim and topsoil	40% complete

Drainage

Outfalls	98% complete
ERA Drainage	100% complete
Surface water channel	95% complete
Refurbish filter drains	94% complete

Structures

Gantry Demolition	100% complete
Sheet Piling	100% complete
Traffic Sign Base	90% complete
Gantry Bases	100% complete
Installation of New Gantries	96% complete
Foundations	100% complete

Ducting

Cross Carriageway Ducting	100% complete
Longitudinal Ducting	84% complete

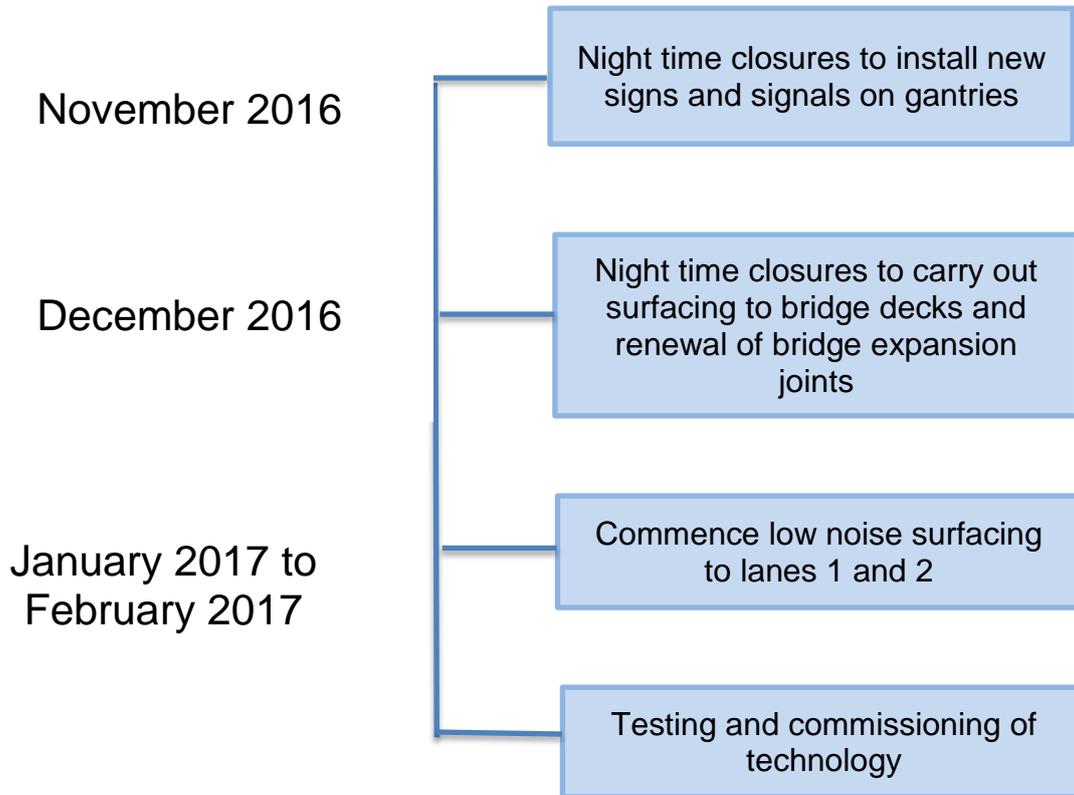
Surfacing

Resurfacing of Lane 4	100% complete
Resurfacing of Lane 3	100% complete

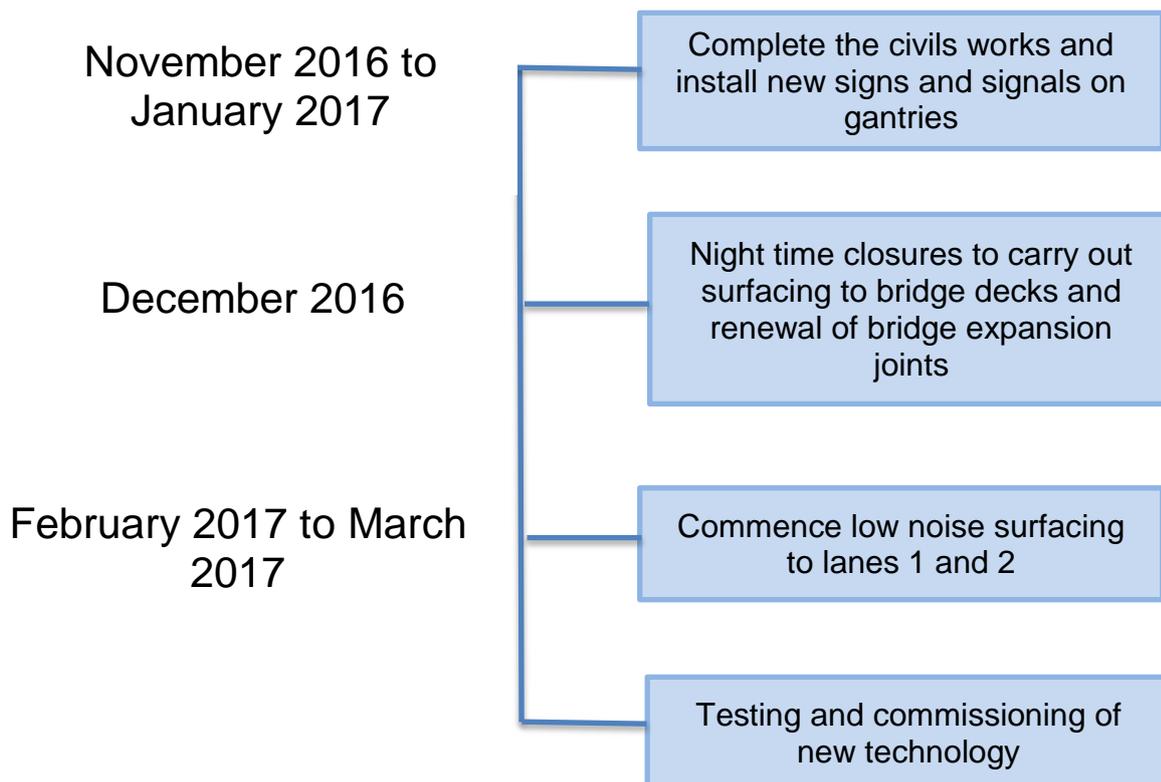
*A retaining wall: metal cages which are filled with large stones.

Timeline of Planned Events

Junction 4a to junction 5



Junction 5 to junction 6



To find out more about the M5 junctions 4a to 6 smart motorway

Contact: Nick Cuming - Stakeholder manager on 07826 868 990

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Visit our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/m5-junctions-4a-to-6>.

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To find out more information about smart motorways and how to drive on a smart motorway visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-drive-on-a-smart-motorway>

