

February 2020 news bulletin

We are closing the motorway between Junctions 4b and 5 over the weekend of 21-23 February 2020. A diversion route will be in place for the weekend while we demolish Old Slade Lane Bridge near Junction 4b (see next page).

The work will be complete early on Sunday morning 23 February to help clear the way for drivers heading to and from the Six Nations rugby match at Twickenham that afternoon.

The rest of the closures for 2020 are listed on the next page and we'll update you with more details on the closures each month.



Considerate Constructors Scheme: M4 achieves Ultra Site Status



In February the project received news that our application to become a Considerate Constructors Scheme 'Ultra Site' has been accepted. Becoming an Ultra Site demonstrates our commitment to the highest standards on health and safety, construction practices and innovation. Going forward we will be working closely with CCS and our supply chain to raise standards in all areas: <https://www.ccscheme.org.uk/ultrasite/ultra-sites/>

Since the project began in July 2018, the team have put a huge amount of work into maintaining and improving construction standards. Now as we near the half way point on the project with a very busy year ahead, we are more committed than ever to deliver the project with our workforce, road users and the local community in mind.



Full list of weekend closures of the M4 in 2020

We have so far completed 4 full weekend closures of the M4 since September 2019, but we have 20 more to do before the end of 2020.

Following the closure between Junctions 4b and 5 over the weekend of 21-23 February, this list shows the rest of the weekend closures planned for the year. These will not change except in the case of severe weather or problems with local diversion routes.

The standard timing of weekend closures is from Friday night to Monday morning but where there are major events in the Thames Valley and West London region, we have either avoided closures or amended the timings to reduce the impact on road users and local residents in the area.

2020 is the biggest year for the project in terms of making progress with the bridges ahead of completion of the smart motorway in Spring 2022.



Junctions 5 to 6	3-5 April
Junctions 6 to 8/9	24-27 April
Junctions 6 to 8/9	2-4 May
Junctions 6 to 8/9	15-18 May
Junctions 6 to 8/9	5-8 June
Junctions 5 to 6	12-14 June
Junctions 4b to 5	27-29 June
Junctions 8/9 to 10	10-12 July
Junctions 6 to 8/9	17-19 July
Junctions 5 to 6	18-21 September
Junctions 6 to 8/9	25-28 September
Junctions 5 to 6	9-12 October
Junctions 6 to 8/9	16-19 October
Junctions 6 to 8/9	23-26 October
Junctions 10 to 11	30 October-2 November
Junctions 10 to 11	7-9 November
Junctions 5 to 6	14-16 November
Junctions 6 to 8/9	20-23 November
Junctions 6 to 8/9	4-7 December

Find out more

You can find out more by visiting our websites at: <https://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is/> or 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/).

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