



January 2021 news bulletin

Upcoming changes between Junctions 8/9-12

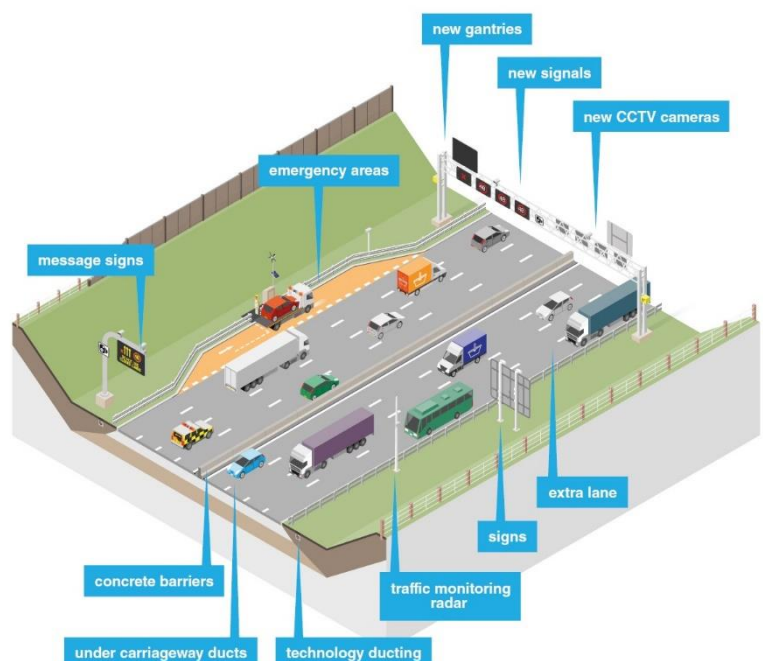
The project team will begin opening the newly upgraded motorway between junctions 8/9 to 12 this Spring. From this time, you will notice a number of changes to this 28km stretch as traffic management is lifted and new technology is commissioned.

We will begin by removing the temporary traffic management (cones and barriers) to open four lanes of traffic at 60mph. Due to the length to be removed this will take place over several night shifts. When all of the traffic management is removed, the four lanes will remain at 60mph whilst the new technology is tested. During this time, full construction CCTV and free recovery will remain operational.

Following commissioning of the technology, the speed limit will be raised to up to 70mph when junctions 8/9 to 12 are fully open.

Junctions 3 to 8/9 will continue to operate at 50mph as construction is ongoing until March 2022.

The graphic below illustrates the features of the new upgraded motorway that you will see and experience between junctions 8/9 to 12, which have been under construction since July 2018.



Weekend closures

To the right are all the upcoming weekend closures up to Easter 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. 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.

If you would like to receive emails straight to your inbox of closures for the upcoming week, please email M4J3-12@BBV-JV.COM to request to be added to the weekly distribution.

COVID-19: latest update

The M4 J3-12 project continues to operate under Government policy which is that construction activity should continue where it can be done safely. The project has implemented and continues to follow site operating procedures, including working from home where possible, and social distancing in order to protect our workforce and their families, and will continue to follow the most up to date Government advice throughout this period.

Junctions 4b-5

22-25 January

Junctions 5-6

29 January-1 February

Junctions 6-8/9

5-8 February

Junctions 6-8/9

12-15 February

Junctions 4b-5

19-22 February

Junctions 4-4b

26 February- 1 March

Junctions 5-6

5-8 March

Junctions 6-8/9

12-15 March

Junctions 6-8/9

19-21 March

Junctions 5-6

26-29 March



Find out more

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