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M40/M42 Interchange Update: Road closures to end earlier than scheduled

I write with a further update about our important safety upgrades to the central reservation barrier on the M40/M42 Interchange scheme, between M40 junction 16, via the M42 junction 3a to 4.

We're making excellent progress against the proposed Spring 2024 completion date when we intend to have fully replaced the existing steel barrier with a stronger and more efficient concrete one. We've reached the stage where we're able to remove the traffic management – barriers, cones, construction equipment and some of the signage – from the network. To do this safely, for road users and our staff, we'll need to temporarily close some lanes and carriageways. We'd previously said that traffic management would remain on the road network until early December, so we're pleased the equipment will be removed and associated closures will end earlier by several weeks! If you've travelled the route recently, you'll have noticed scenes like the below, northbound between M42 J3a and J4, as the new barrier appears in place of the old.



Motorists are still advised to check before they travel because there will be a series of diversions to steer traffic away from the carriageway closures. These will take place at night, usually between 9pm and 6am, when traffic numbers are lower. The diversions will be clearly signposted and checked regularly.

As the [M40-M42 Interchange](#) is one of a number of highway schemes underway [in the local area](#), it's all the more important to check the webpages along your intended travel route/s, such as [M42 Junction 6 scheme](#), [M6 Junctions 4 to 10a upgrade](#) and [HS2's works](#).

Upcoming weeknight (between 9pm and 6am) closures from now until the end of this month:

Date	Details	Closure & Diversion Route
9-13, 16 October 2023	M42 J5 to 3a southbound	Closure of lanes 3 & 2 leading to full closure of M42 J5 to 3a southbound. Diversion via M42 J5, A41, A4025, A4102, A4025, A34, B4146, A4040, Wheelers Lane, A435 to J3.
17 October 2023	M42 J4 southbound	Closure of lanes 1 & 2 leading to full closure of J4 entry and exit slip.

		Diversion via M42 J5 (for entry) and M40 J16 (for exit).
17-18 October 2023	M42 J3 northbound	Closure of lanes 1 & 2 full closure of J3 exit and entry slip. Diversion via M42 J2 (for exit) and M40 J16 (for entry).
18-19 October 2023	M42 J3a to M40 J16 southbound	Closure of lanes 3 & 2 leading to full closure of M42 bowl at J3a. Diversion to M42 J4.
20 October 2023	M42 J4 southbound	Full closure of M42 J4 entry slip. Diversion via M42 J5.
21-23 October 2023	M42 J3a to J2 southbound	Closure of lanes 3 & 2 leading to full closure of M42 J3a to J2. Diversion via M42 J4, A34, B4146, A4040, Wheelers Lane, A435, Druids Lane, Bells Lane, Parsons Hill, Wharf Road, A441 to M42 J2.
24 October 2023	M42 J3a to J3 southbound	Closure of lanes 3 & 2 leading to full closure of M42 J3a to J3. Diversion via M42 J4, A34, B4146, A4040, Wheelers Lane, A435 to M42 J3.
24 October 2023	M42 southbound B Link at J3a	Closure of lanes 1 & 2 leading to full closure of M42 B Link at J3a. Diversion via M40 J16.
25-28 October 2023	M40 northbound J15 to M42 J3a	Closure of lanes 3 & 2 leading to full closure of M40 J15 to M42 J3a. Diversion via A46, A45 to M42 J6.

Please note: these closures may be amended due to poor weather or operational reasons.

Staying Connected

This letter is part of our ongoing effort to update those affected by or interested in this scheme. The [webpage](#) is one way to stay connected. Another is through our customer contact centre, on telephone 0300 123 5000 and email to info@nationalhighways.co.uk. There are also these more detailed updates – sent by email or post as requested - to those on our distribution list. If you're not on it and would like to be, please let me know using my contact details below. If you know anyone who may be interested in this, please share it with them. If you don't want to receive future updates, please let me know and I'll ensure you're deleted from the list.

Yours sincerely,
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