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## M42 Junction 4-7 & M40/M42 Interchange Scheme Updates

Dear Resident,

As you may recall from our previous communication and the [M42 junction 4-7 scheme webpage](#), we're replacing the steel central reservation barrier with a stronger concrete one between junctions 4 and 5 and installing additional CCTV cameras and roadside signage in the motorway verge between junctions 4 and 6. The CCTV and signage work is carried out at night, when traffic volumes are usually lighter, using lane closures separate to but alongside the barrier installation which takes place during the daytime. The work started in January 2024 and is progressing in line with our programme and so is set for completion by autumn 2024.

Concrete barriers are much stronger than metal ones and significantly reduce the risk of vehicles crossing over from one carriageway to another, so improve safety and reduce the duration of incident-related congestion. Virtually maintenance free, they last twice as long as steel barriers, so fewer closures are needed for routine repairs.

To ensure the safety of all road users and our construction team while work is underway, all open lanes are covered by CCTV, operate at the reduced speed of 50mph, with free recovery for breakdowns within the confines of the scheme.

To continue our work, we require further closures, after the Easter period.

### Upcoming night time (between 9pm and 6am) closures (M42 junction 4-7)

Date	Details	Closure & Diversion Route
8-9 & 12 April 2024	M42 northbound between junctions 4 and 5	Lane 1 and 2 closures
10-11 April 2024	M42 northbound between junctions 4 and 5	Lane 2 and 3 closures leading to full carriageway closure at M42 Junction 5 Diversion via exit slip and return on entry slip

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

### M40/M42 Interchange

While our upgrade of the M40-M42 Interchange was completed before Christmas, several months earlier than planned, when our team converted the central reservation barrier from steel to concrete, they identified some longstanding issues with lighting that were not part of the original project scope. All parties have agreed that it made sense to correct them now. To do this safely, we need to install the following closures, which will also take place at night when the level of traffic is expected to be lower. As with the closures needed on the M42 J4-7, they will happen after Easter.

### Upcoming night time (between 9pm and 6am) closures (M40/M42 Interchange)

Date	Details	Closure & Diversion Route
2-9 April 2024	Between M40 northbound to M42 southbound at J3a	Hard shoulder closure
2-5 & 8-11 April 2024	M42 j3a southbound carriageway closure	Link road to M42 southbound closed Diversion via M42 J4 and return
2 & 8-11 April 2024	M42 j3a northbound carriageway closure	Link road to M40 southbound closed Diversion via M42 J4 and return

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### How to Find Out More

We suggest you reference the relevant scheme webpages according to your travel route. The above closures and future ones for both schemes are also listed on the following webpages:

- M40/M42 Interchange: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/west-midlands/m40-m42-interchange-safety-barrier-upgrade/>
- M42 junction 4-7: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/west-midlands/m42-junction-4-7-safety-barrier-upgrade/>

As there are a number of other highway schemes in the local area, including M42 Junction 6, M6 Junctions 4 to 10a and HS2's works, it is advisable that you also check those webpages that may affect your travel.

You can contact us through our customer contact centre, on telephone 0300 123 5000, via email to [info@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:info@nationalhighways.co.uk) or by writing to National Highways, National Traffic Operations Centre, 3 Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Birmingham, B32 1AF. You can follow us on social media: on Twitter ([@HighwaysWMIDS](#)) and Facebook ([National Highways: West Midlands](#)).

Yours Sincerely,  
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