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Extension of M32 bus lane

Road works to extend the M32 bus lane into Bristol are planned to start before the end of September. The existing south bound bus lane is being extended from Junction 3 to the railway bridge that crosses the motorway.

Our contractors will also be removing and replacing the central reservation, upgrading drainage and ducting, and installing Average Speed Cameras. The road works and improvements will take seven months and will finish in Spring 2017.

To minimise disruption the M32 will still be open whilst the road works take place, but there will be evenings when motorists will be diverted at Junction 3 via the slip roads on and off the motorway. There will also be two narrow lanes in both directions at Junction 3 for the installation of the south bound bus lane.

After work for the south bound bus lane has finished there will still be two lanes for general traffic in each direction.

Plan your journeys

The Travelwest website contains up to date travel information about road works in the West of England region: <https://travelwest.info/travelupdates>

Highways England also provides live traffic information for the motorway network via their website at www.highways.gov.uk/traffic or from a phone or mobile device at m.highways.gov.uk

Improving public transport

Extending the M32 bus lane will speed up bus journeys for MetroBus passengers, it will also mean quicker journeys for passengers on other bus services that use the motorway. Improving the reliability of bus services will encourage more people to leave their cars at home, reducing congestion for everyone.

The bus lane is part of a number of bus priority improvements that will make some bus journeys between the University of the West of England, Bradley Stoke and the city centre up to 30 minutes quicker. These improvements are for MetroBus, a smarter way of travelling that will speed up bus journey times, relieve congestion and reduce levels of pollution. MetroBus services will start in Autumn 2017.

New MetroBus M32 bridge

The road works for the bus lane follow the successful installation of a new MetroBus bridge over the M32 in June. A series of closures on the M32 allowed our contractors GRAHAM Construction to safely lift the bridge into place over one weekend.

The bridge consists of two pairs of braced steel beams which are 36.26m long and each weigh 70 tonnes.

The works to install the bridge were completed to schedule. This was the first weekend closure since the M32 originally opened in 1966.

Watch the bridge being lifted into place on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTDCzrXbVk4>

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