

M6 Major Roadworks Birmingham – Walsall Potholes Phase 2 - Summer 2006

Travelling to Birmingham



Junction 6, M6: Slip roads closed from early July

- The exit slip road going north from the M6 onto the A38(M) will be closed from early July until work is completed in early December 2006.
- Traffic leaving the motorway will be diverted to junction 5 or junction 7.
- The exit from the A38(M) out of city onto the M6 south will be closed for the summer holidays i.e. early July to early September 2006.
- Traffic will be diverted via Tyburn Road and junction 5.

Work on the M6 in 2006

The Highways Agency will be resurfacing 2 sections of motorway near Birmingham and Walsall on the M6.

Work will start in June and be completed by early December 2006.

The motorway will remain open with 2 lanes in each direction.

To travel to and around Birmingham you can either use the restricted routes provided through the M6 roadworks or other alternative routes.

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Remember to plan your journey to minimise delays.

Junction 9, M6: From late June

- The slip road onto the M6 going south will be closed and remain closed for approximately 14 months.*
- Traffic will be diverted via junction 10 or within Walsall to junction 7.

Please note:

Northbound – We will provide a dedicated lane from M5 north to M6 north at all times.

Southbound – The M6 south link to M5 south will be restricted to 1 lane.

*This is to allow us to strengthen the underneath of the motorway at the M6/M5 link when the pothole contract is complete.

Working for you

M6 Junction 8 M5/M6 Link (Ray Hall Viaduct) – Junction 9 Northbound (TOWARDS WALSALL) – Resurfacing 1 km of carriageway and repairs to the concrete structure.

The northbound carriageway will be closed from beginning of July until end of September 2006. Traffic will be directed into a contra-flow system

on the southbound carriageway with 2 lanes running in each direction. On the M6/M5 link traffic on M5 will have a dedicated lane onto the M6 northbound.

There will be no access onto the M6 southbound at Junction 9.

M6 Junctions 6-5 (Bromford Viaduct) near Spaghetti Junction Southbound (Towards Fort Dunlop) – Resurfacing 3 km of carriageway and repairs to the concrete structure.

The southbound carriageway will be closed from early July to early December 2006. Traffic will be directed into a contra-flow system on the northbound carriageway with 2 lanes running in each direction.

Why the work needs to be done

This is Phase 2 of the programme to repair worn out sections of the M6. With more cars and heavy goods vehicles using the motorway, it's no surprise that potholes start to occur, especially on the elevated sections.

The trouble with potholes is that they can suddenly appear in the most dangerous places. If they are not fixed they will cause more frequent disruption. A sudden unexpected delay caused by attending to a pothole paralyses routes in, out and through Birmingham. We need to address the problem this summer.

How will the work be carried out?

We will remove the existing surface, apply a new

waterproofing layer to the concrete and then cover it with the new road surface.

Why 2 sets of roadworks at once?

We can reduce the overall disruption to traffic by carrying out work at two locations at the same time. If the work were to be done one after the other, the disruption would last 4 months longer.

Where will the works be?

The maps in this leaflet show where the work is taking place.

On the M6 there will be a 40 mph mandatory speed limit for the safety of the people working on the road and road users.

Journey planner

What can you do to help?

Help us keep things moving, plan ahead, consider alternative route options, allow more time, be patient and considerate and always drive safely.

- Listen to our live traffic updates all day every day on 08700 660 115
- www.highways.gov.uk
- www.centro.org.uk
- www.help2travel.co.uk
- Traveline 0870 608 2608
- www.m6toll.co.uk
- local radio

Should you be expecting visitors to the area make sure they are aware of the work being carried out so they too can plan their journey.

For real time traffic information:

08700 660 115

www.highways.gov.uk/trafficinfo

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

(Calls from BT landlines to 0870 numbers will cost no more than 8p per minute; mobile calls usually cost more)

For general Highways Agency information:

08457 50 40 30

email: ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

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Safe driving at roadworks

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.



During 2005, five workers were killed and 12 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads. This was the worst year since 1999.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, drivers approaching roadworks are advised to:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you