Upcoming roadworks at M4 Junction 12: phased closures and diversions for structural maintenance

National Highways will need to close parts of the M4 junction 12 roundabout in a project that is expected to last several months and completed over two phases, with some slip road closures onto and off the M4.

The closures are needed because the joints along the bridges are leaking water, the safety barriers appear to be substandard, and there is no kerb drainage or gully installed over the deck causing water to build up along the verges which is damaging the substructure. Dealing with these issues now ensures the roads (the roundabout and on the M4 below) will be safer for all users as we head into the winter weather.

Phase 1 - North-easterly roadworks over Bath Road/M4 Junction 12 roundabout

The first phase of the works focuses on the north-easterly direction (from Theale towards Reading), with closures affecting the west bridge and northbound traffic over the Bath Road/M4 Junction 12 roundabout, where essential structural maintenance needs to be carried out by National Highways.

Daytime: The roundabout will remain open and accessible but with lane closures.
Overnight: Certain sections of the roundabout will be fully closed with no access.

Key details:

- **Route closures towards Reading from Theale:** The recommended diversion route for vehicles, including HGVs, is via Theale, Aldermaston, Tadley towards Basingstoke, then back up to Reading (A4, A340, A339, A33, A4155, A4). Other routes are available but might not be suitable for all vehicles. Please plan your journey in advance, ensuring routes are suitable for your vehicle's height and weight.

- **Overnight closures:** 9:00pm – 6:00am, Monday 16 September to Saturday 11 October 2024.

- **Weekend closure:** From 9:00pm on Friday 11 October to 6:00am on Monday 14 October 2024.

- **Additional overnight closures:** 9:00pm – 6:00am, Monday 21 October to Saturday 23 November 2024.

- **Contingency weekend closure:** From 9:00pm on Friday 18 October to 6:00am on Monday 21 October 2024. Please note this will only be necessary if the works mentioned above couldn't be completed due to weather or other reasons.

Phase 2 – South-westerly roadworks over Bath Road/M4 Junction 12 roundabout

The second phase of the works will focus on the south-westerly direction (from Reading towards Theale/Newbury), with closures affecting the east bridge and southbound traffic over the Bath Road/M4 Junction 12 roundabout, where essential structural maintenance needs to be carried out by National Highways.

Daytime: The roundabout will remain open and accessible but with lane closures.
Overnight: Certain sections of the roundabout will be fully closed with no access.

Key details:

- **Route closures towards Newbury/Theale:** The recommended diversion route for vehicles, including HGVs, is via Reading, Basingstoke, Tadley, Aldermaston, and then up to Theale (A4, A4155, A33, A339, A340, A4). Other routes are available but might not be suitable for all vehicles. Please plan your journey in advance, ensuring routes are suitable for your vehicle's height and weight.
- **Overnight closures:** 9:00pm – 6:00am, Monday 6 January to Saturday 31 January 2025.
- **Weekend closure:** From 9:00pm on Friday 31 January to 6:00am on Monday 3 February 2025.
- **Additional overnight closures:** 9:00pm – 6:00am, Monday 10 February to Saturday 15 March 2025.
- **Contingency weekend closure:** From 9:00pm on Friday 7 February to 6:00am on Monday 10 February 2025. Please note this will only be necessary if the works mentioned above couldn't be completed due to weather or other reasons.

The above restrictions will only be implemented as and when required, dates and times of the individual closures with their diversion routes will be advertised locally and on site when the works are finalised.

Please Note: Blue light access is to be maintained wherever possible.

All enquiries should be directed to:

- Volker Laser on 0800 022 3292
- National Highways on 0300 123 5000.

A plan of the closure can be found here: https://one.network/?tmi=GB32238400