

Quality Bus Scheme

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2010

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A scheme to significantly improve bus journey times, pedestrian and cycling facilities, and reduce congestion on A65 Kirkstall Road.

Current Position

The £22million A65 Quality Bus Scheme has now received Government approval and funding from the Department for Transport. Road construction work will begin in April 2010.

Some initial works have already begun. Vegetation has been removed along the proposed route to prevent birds nesting and Northern Gas Networks have started renewing a major gas main between Wellington Bridge Street and Washington Street. This planned renewal work by Northern Gas Networks has been brought forward to avoid digging up the new road layout in the early years after the scheme has been completed.

The construction programme anticipates the scheme to be completed by Summer 2012.

Construction Works in 2010

Much of the work in 2010 will be devoted to the extensive diversions of existing gas and water pipes, telephone ducts and electricity cables from the existing footpaths and verges which will become the new carriageway. There are a significant number of new road crossings required to enable these diversions to happen.

2010 will also see large areas of earth being placed and removed along the scheme to enable the carriageway and footpaths to be built.



Public Liaison

Public Exhibitions

Two public exhibitions are to be held, one at each end of the scheme, where residents and businesses are invited to attend to view the plans and ask questions about the construction. The dates and venues are:

Tuesday 25th May 2010 between 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm at the Milford Social Club on Beecroft Street, Leeds LS5 3AS

Wednesday 26th May 2010 between 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm at the Burley Sports Bar on Burley Road, Leeds LS4 2ET

Traffic Management and Night Work

A requirement of the contract will be to maintain at least one traffic lane in each direction throughout the day, including weekends, to ensure minimum disruption to the travelling public.

This means there will be significant night work during the first year of the contract. Traffic will be controlled by temporary traffic lights to enable the contractor, Carillion Civil Engineering, to undertake the installation of highway drainage, new ducting at road crossings and build those areas of the new road where the existing road is very narrow. Where a sign gantry needs to be removed to build the new scheme, this will also take place at night and will involve a road closure to carry out the work safely.

The night work will require detailed planning and preparation to minimise noise levels for residents. This will be achieved by employing silenced equipment and acoustic screens. Where night work is required we will be contacting residents, in advance, in those areas where some noise is likely to be produced.

Further Information - please visit www.leeds.gov.uk/a65qbc

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- Hotline number: 0113 222 4407
- Newsletter 4 is also available from selected Leeds City Council and Metro outlets – see website

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- Updates in *About Leeds* – a free publication distributed to Leeds residents
- Provide feedback, request information via email or register for email updates on our website www.leeds.gov.uk/a65qbc
- Further leaflets and website updates will keep you informed as the scheme progresses

If you need to speak to us in a language other than English, please phone: 0113 214 9010. If BSL (British Sign Language) interpretation is required please call: 0113 246 9990 or e-mail: blpa@leedsdeafandblind.org

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