

A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 13 – July 2011

Traffic Management

The city bound traffic management on the A65 carriageway, starting at the Northern Snooker Centre and ending at Marlborough Street, will remain narrowed to 3.25metres per lane, this includes a short section around the West Street Car Park. The traffic management is being moved over in order for the kerbing and footway works to be carried out and to divert pedestrians safely past the working area. During this time we continue to ask that pedestrians do not attempt to cross the road through the traffic cones when leaving or entering West Street Car Park. A plan has been produced (see Plan 7 Ped Routes – Feb2011) showing recommended pedestrian walking routes to and from the car park. There will also be occasional off peak (0930 -1530) lane closures in this location. Moderate delays are anticipated at peak periods. We expect this section of traffic management to be in place until the middle of August, after which the West Street Gyratory will be opened up to the permanent layout.

The outbound traffic management on Kirkstall Road, starting at Staples and ending at Benfield Ford, is being moved over in order for kerbing and footway works to be carried out safely next to the proposed bus lane. We expect this section of traffic management to be in place for the next twelve months and no delays are expected.

The traffic management on Commercial Road between Beecroft Street and Gilbert Mount is to remain in place until the end of July 2011. The traffic management is in place to enable the carriageway widening road works to be carried out safely. The current arrangement of one lane in each direction will be maintained during all busy times and only slight delays are expected.

Traffic management on Kirkstall Road between Burleywood Mount and Woodside View will shortly be extended towards Gilbert Mount. This section of traffic management will remain in place for approximately 8 months. Traffic lanes have been narrowed to 3.25metres to allow drainage works to be carried out safely. The current arrangement of one lane in each direction will be maintained during all busy times and only slight delays are expected.

Day works

Beecroft Street to Gilbert Mount – Work carried out by various services in this area is now complete. Road works have begun on the carriageway widening on the south side of Commercial Road and following road surfacing works, week commencing 4 July 2011 (see Night Works), the footway closure will be lifted allowing pedestrians to use this side of the road again.

Burley Wood Mount to Woodside View – Work to put in place the drainage system for the scheme has commenced. Work has initially concentrated around the area opposite the Immigration Offices and Woodside View but work is expected to move to the section between Gilbert Mount and Burley Wood Mount in July 2011.

Willow Road to West Street Car Park – A variety of work is being carried out in this section of the scheme, but mainly drainage works. Large amounts of soil, recycled rubble and drainage pipes are being stockpiled in this area for construction in the road and central reservations at a later date. Work to existing footways is being carried out between Napoleons Casino and the Ibis Hotel.

Night works

A65 Commercial Road – Beecroft Street to St. Ann's Mills - Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July (9pm to 5am) – The outbound section of road will be closed over these nights to allow surfacing work to take place. Traffic lights will be in place and minor delays are expected. These works are carried out at night as the lane closure required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day. (see Plan 11 – July 2011).

A65 Kirkstall Road - Willow Road Junction - Work to build new traffic islands will take place during July 2011. Overnight traffic management will involve banning right turns from Kirkstall Road, outbound, into Willow Road (see Plan 12 - July 2011) and Kirkstall Road, inbound, into Viaduct Road (See Plan 13 - July 2011). Traffic will be directed onto short diversions using nearby u-turn facilities. These works are carried out at night as the lane closures required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day.

Willow Road to West Street Car Park - Yorkshire Water will be on site, for approx. 2 weeks, to remove silt from the old sewer system. Traffic lights will be in use for some sections of the works and minor delays are possible.

Night works, to be carried out by Carillion, started on the 16 June and will continue throughout the summer. These works are carried out at night as the lane closures required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day.

Further traffic management and closure updates will be posted on this page as they become available. Dates given for closures are approximate and may be subject to change at short notice.

News

The new signalised pedestrian crossing, giving access to and from West Street Car Park, will be operational within the next 7 days. A further, new, signalised pedestrian crossing at the end of Marlborough Street is due to be operational from the beginning of August 2011.

The collapsed Victorian sewer, near the former bus depot, has been repaired but work is continuing by Yorkshire Water to clean out sections of the sewer which are blocked by silt. Yorkshire Water are expected to have finished the works by the middle of July 2011.

A58 Inner Ring Road Woodhouse Tunnel Works - Leeds City Council is carrying out work to both entrance sections of Woodhouse Tunnel, the section of the ring-road which runs underneath Leeds University and Leeds General Infirmary. Variable message signs around the city, including the sign on the A65 Kirkstall Road at the Holiday Inn, are displaying information about these closures. Traffic diversions for the tunnel works are sending traffic through the A65 Kirkstall Road site but we have programmed our works so as not to clash with these diversions.

For further information on the A58 Inner Ring Road Tunnel Works please visit www.leeds.gov.uk/woodhousetunnel