

A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 15 – August 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 Plan15 – August 2011) 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, will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Although most of the work has been completed in this area, the three traffic lanes (2 general traffic and 1 bus lane) cannot be opened up to traffic safely until the work upto the Willow Road Junction is complete. This is expected to be finished in Summer 2012.

Traffic management is required on the southern section of Kirkstall Road, from Benfield Ford to Willow Road Junction, to enable footway refurbishment works to take place safely. Pedestrians will be safely diverted into the road while the works take place on the footway. When the footway refurbishment works are opposite Yorkshire Television, Studio Road will be closed to avoid any disruption caused by right turning traffic. There is an alternative right turn prior to Studio Road which will still be available. This section of work has been planned during the school holidays to reduce disruption to traffic, although some delays are expected during the morning/evening peak hours.

Also near the YTV studios, a road closure for drainage works is planned. The side road joining Kirkstall Road Service Road to Kirkstall Road will be closed from 7am 15 August 2011 until 5pm 19 August 2011. The closure is required to enable the large drainage pipes to be placed deep in the ground. The side road will not be accessible during these works. Diversions will be in operation during this time (see Plan16 - August 2011). General traffic using Kirkstall Road should not experience any delays but local traffic using roads around the television studios may experience delays caused by the diversions.

The traffic management on Commercial Road between Beecroft Street and Gilbert Mount will now remain in place until September 2011. The traffic management will enable finishing works to be carried out safely in the carriageway, footway and verge areas over the next 4-6 weeks. 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 Gilbert Mount will remain in place until March 2012. Traffic lanes will be 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. To reduce hold ups and allow traffic to pass, lay-bys will be provided wherever possible for buses to drop off and pick up passengers.

Day works

Beecroft Street to Gilbert Mount – On the south side of Commercial Road finishing works to the carriageway, footway and verge will commence shortly. Work will initially start near Beecroft Street and move towards St. Anne's Mills Access Road, where a new island is to be built in the carriageway. When this work on the south side is completed, around September 2011, traffic will be switched over to allow drainage works to commence in the northern carriageway widening.

Gilbert Mount to Woodside View – Work to put in place the drainage system for the scheme is ongoing. This work initially concentrated around the area opposite the Immigration Offices and Woodside View but drainage work has now begun on the section between Gilbert Mount and Burley Wood Mount. Kerbing and footway works have now started in the old bus turnaround near Woodside View and will continue throughout August 2011. A new pedestrian crossing is also being constructed in this area and some night working will take place, see Night works. The crossing is due to be complete by around mid September 2011.

Willow Road to West Street Dual Carriageway – Drainage work is mainly being carried out in this section of the scheme. There are two drainage gangs installing large diameter pipes through this section. A road closure is required in mid August to allow drainage work to cross under the side road between Kirkstall Road and Kirkstall Road Service Road, near Yorkshire Television (See Plan16 – August 2011). On the southern side of Kirkstall road, between Benfield Ford and Willow Road, footway refurbishment work will commence from the 8 August 2011. Large amounts of soil, recycled rubble, drainage pipes and kerbs are being stockpiled on the northern side of Kirkstall Road for construction of the new road and central reservations.

West Street (including Gyrotory) – Work to existing footways is being carried out between Napoleon's Casino and the Ibis Hotel. A carriageway build out is also being constructed opposite Marlborough Street. Footway works are being concentrated in this area to allow a new Toucan crossing (combined pedestrian and cycle facility) to be complete by mid August 2011. The final surfacing works for the gyrotory will commence on 8 August 2011 and will involve overnight closures to enable the works to be carried out safely, see Night works.

Night works

A65 Kirkstall Road - Willow Road Junction - Work to build new traffic islands will take place during August 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.

A65 Kirkstall Road – Bingley Street to Marlborough Street and West Street Junction – From Monday 8 August 2011 to Friday 12 August 2011 overnight road closures will take place (9pm to 5am). This is to allow surfacing and lining works to be carried out. These works are carried out at night as the inbound road closures required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day. Diversions will be in operation via Burley Road (see Plan 17 – August 2011)

A65 Kirkstall Road, near Woodside View – Around late August 2011 – Night works will take place, from 7pm onwards, to allow the safe construction of a new pedestrian crossing. The crossing will have two new pedestrian islands and the lane closures required to build them would cause major traffic delays during the day. Residents will be informed of the actual dates, of the works, closer to the time.

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.

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The new signalised pedestrian crossing, giving access to and from West Street Car Park, is now operational. Pedestrian ramps have been provided until the new carriageway surfacing is renewed in this location. The temporary ramps will need to be removed in order to lay new tarmac which will result in this pedestrian crossing being unavailable for one day during week commencing 8 August 2011. A new signalised toucan (combined pedestrian/cycling) crossing at the end of Marlborough Street is due to be operational from week beginning 8 August 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