

A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 18 – October 2011

Traffic Management

The City bound traffic management on the A65 carriageway, starting at the Northern Snooker Centre and ending at West Street Gyratory will remain in place until the middle of October. This is to allow the new traffic signal mast arms, to be installed near Napoleons, to be constructed safely. The traffic will then be switched to run on its permanent alignment and this will then enable the construction of the new kerbline around the Fire Station.

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 up to the Willow Road Junction is complete, in Summer 2012.

Traffic management on Commercial Road, between Beecroft Street and Gilbert Mount, was moved onto the southern carriageway and will remain in place until March 2012. The traffic management will enable drainage and carriageway widening works to take place. This 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 Woodside View – Drainage works are continuing throughout this section. On completion of the drainage works the new road and footway construction will begin. Work is expected to be completed in this area by the end of March 2012.

Commercial Road – Near Gilbert Mount – Traffic signals will be in operation between 8am and 4pm on Sunday 9 October 2011, Sunday 16 October 2011 and Sunday 23 October 2011. This is to allow the safe construction of drainage works across the existing carriageway. Traffic queues are likely during this time.

Burleywood Mount – Advance Warning - This road will be closed week commencing 14 November, at the junction with Kirkstall Road, for 3 to 5 days for drainage works. A signed diversion route will be in place via Woodside View and Argie Avenue.

Willow Road Junction - works continue to install a new traffic signal system and footway crossing facilities. These works should be complete before Christmas 2011.

Willow Road to West Street Dual Carriageway – Construction of the new road and central reservations has commenced on the northern side of Kirkstall Road. Road surfacing has started in this area and the new road layout can be seen taking shape when travelling eastbound into Leeds. Studio Road is currently closed with diverted traffic using the adjacent service road. Studio Road will re open to two way traffic in mid November 2011.

Night works

Benfield Ford to Willow Road Junction - Night time traffic signals will be in place on the southern section of Kirkstall Road to enable the existing combined kerb drainage units to be cleaned. Pedestrians are being safely diverted into the road while the works take place on the footway. Only slight delays are expected. 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

A new signalised pedestrian crossing, near the Fire Station, giving access across both carriageways will be operational from mid November.

A58 Inner Ring Road Woodhouse Tunnel Works – Major structural repair works to Woodhouse Tunnel have been successfully completed three weeks ahead of programme and within budget.