

Highway Improvement Work 2020

We are writing to update you on a programme of major highway improvements happening in your area.

South Gloucestershire Council is investing £160m over four years to reduce congestion and emissions, improve cycling and pedestrian routes, facilitate faster bus journeys and future proof our road network.

Highway improvement schemes are planned across the district and the aim of this ambitious programme of work is to get our road network ready for major new housing and business developments in the area, as well as making sustainable travel options a more attractive choice so that we can keep people moving now and in years to come.

CPME work

A major part of this programme of work is the Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension (CPME) scheme. Working with Network Rail, CPME is a £57 million project that includes replacing the railway bridge over Gipsy Patch Lane. The new wider bridge will enable shared use cycle and pedestrian pathways and a bus lane in each direction alongside general traffic. The scheme will also include footway widening and new bus lanes along other sections of Gipsy Patch Lane. This will result in significant benefits for everyone, whether you travel by bus, car, cycle or on foot.

Work will also be carried out at the San Andreas roundabout, Cribbs Causeway, where a new bus only road link will be added and the roundabout will become signal controlled. San Andreas roundabout is at the junction of Hayes Way and Highwood Road with Merlin Road. On Hatchet Road we will be upgrading two bus stops to metrobus stops.

Roadworks

Work has already begun on some elements of this project but over the next 12 months further traffic management measures will be put in place to enable this work to continue.

Gipsy Patch Lane will be closed to all road users at the railway bridge for approximately eight months from early March 2020. This will allow the replacement railway bridge to be moved into place and for associated highway works to be carried out. As part of this work the junction of Station Road with Gipsy Patch Lane also needs to be closed to motorists for periods of time. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to access Station Road throughout the work. Exact dates of these road closures and information on diversion routes will be publicised in advance.

To enable work to be carried out at the San Andreas roundabout there will be lane closures for approximately 12 months. This work will start from February 2020.

Along Hatchet Road we will need to use temporary traffic lights during off-peak hours. This work is expected to start in the spring and last approximately three months.

Other major roadworks in the area

We are also working on a scheme to increase capacity at nearby Great Stoke roundabout, as well as improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

The roundabout, known locally as 'rabbit roundabout', is at the junction of Bradley Stoke Way and Great Stoke Way with the B4057 Winterbourne Road. The £2.9million scheme is being funded by the West of England Combined Authority and Local Enterprise Partnership through the Investment Fund, administered by the West of England Combined Authority.

Work has already started on Great Stoke roundabout and will take up to one year to complete. Most of this work will require the use of narrow lanes which will be in place 24 hours a day and lane closures which will be restricted to times when traffic volumes are lower.

Public drop-in events

To help keep you informed and to explain more about highway improvement works taking place in the area, we are holding a series of public drop-in events:

- **Wednesday 22 January** 4pm to 7pm
Little Stoke Primary School, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, Bristol BS34 6HY
- **Saturday 25 January** 11.30am to 2.30pm
Little Stoke Community Hall, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, Bristol BS34 6HR
- **Monday 27 January** 4pm to 7pm
St Michael's Centre, North Rd, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8PD
- **Thursday 30 January** 4pm to 7pm
Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 8BH

Officers from the council will be available to answer your questions, along with representatives from Network Rail and Alun Griffiths who are involved with the CPME project. Everyone is welcome to attend, there is no need to book. Please note these are drop-in sessions and you can attend at any time during the session.

On Saturday 25 January members of the TravelWest Team will also be on hand at the Little Stoke Community Hall event offering advice on alternative, active and sustainable travel options. They will also be able to help with journey planning.

Further information

Further information about all highway improvement schemes in South Gloucestershire is available at www.southglos.gov.uk/majorroadworks. You can also sign up for email updates on our website.

We are liaising with the local community and local businesses to minimise the impact of the works, however we do understand the works will cause considerable disruption. We sincerely apologise for this and thank you for your patience.

Yours faithfully

The Environment and Community Services Team
South Gloucestershire Council