

Dear Stakeholder

UPDATE: Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension, Gipsy Patch Lane

Since our last update, works have continued on Gipsy Patch Lane to the east of the railway bridge, including the completion of the construction works for two new metrobus stops, the diversion of water and electricity mains and installation of improved highway drainage on the north side. We are now writing to update you about a number of planned works taking place this summer while the road is still closed at the railway bridge, prior to the commencement of the main highway widening works starting later in the year.

Gifford Crescent closure

From Monday 5 July the straight stretch of Gifford Crescent directly off Gipsy Patch Lane needs to be closed until the highway widening works are complete in 2022. The circulatory part of Gifford Crescent where the shops are located will remain open and pedestrian/cyclist access will be maintained. The closure is initially needed for the installation of highway drainage attenuation pipes in the adjacent triangular grass verge area to support the forthcoming highway widening works on Gipsy Patch Lane, and then it is needed for the westbound one way system along Gipsy Patch Lane which is planned to be implemented this autumn. If the drainage works are completed earlier than anticipated then we will open Gifford Crescent in the interim. The diversion route will be via Little Stoke Lane and Kingsway and will be signposted.

The Gifford Crescent junction with the Gipsy Patch Lane service road needs to be closed as part of this, so users of the service road will need to access/egress via the junction to the east directly onto Gipsy Patch Lane.

Number 12 Stagecoach bus service

Following the closure of Gifford Crescent the following stops will not be served by the 12 service:

Stop Name	Road	Direction	Nearest Alternative Stop
Bush Avenue	Gipsy Patch Lane	Eastbound towards Bristol Parkway	Kingsway Roundabout located on Kingsway. Will be served by the 12 in both directions
Bush Avenue	Gipsy Patch Lane	Westbound towards Severn Beach	
Kingsway Roundabout	Gipsy Patch Lane	Westbound towards Severn Beach	
Kingsway Roundabout	Gifford Crescent	Southbound towards Bristol Parkway	

The 12 will divert via Little Stoke Lane and will continue to serve all stops along the Kingsway in both directions. This diversion is likely to remain in place until the Gipsy Patch Lane highway widening construction works are complete. Please check www.travelwest.info for all the latest travel information in the area.

Tree pruning

The remaining trees on the north side of Gipsy Patch Lane to the east of the railway bridge are being retained. We are undertaking drainage works close to them and are taking the greatest care possible to avoid damaging them.

However pruning of the trees is needed as they are overhanging the footpath and carriageway and could be struck by vehicles. The pruning will be undertaken by professional tree surgeons who will ensure that the long term health of the trees is not damaged, and under the supervision of an ecologist.

Dates of the pruning have not yet been confirmed but it is likely to be undertaken in August and will last around one week. Traffic management will be needed whilst the pruning is taking place.

To the west of the railway bridge opposite Rolls Royce, pruning of the remaining trees and the felling of one that is extending into the footpath is also planned to take place at the same time.

Fence installation

A temporary wooden fence will be erected along the southern verge adjacent to Bush Avenue and Smithcourt Drive this summer. This is to provide a visual screen of the works area for residents who will be closest to the road widening works on the south side of the highway and to provide some mitigation against noise and dust. It will be removed and reused elsewhere once the highway widening works are complete in 2022.

Materials storage

We are making every effort to store as much of the material needed for the Gipsy Patch Lane works in off-site compound locations away from the main works site. However, we now plan to store some material on the verge areas and on the closed carriageway sections of Gipsy Patch Lane because of ongoing national supply chain and haulage delays caused by the Covid pandemic. This will ensure we have the necessary materials ready for when we need them, to avoid programme delay.

Utility diversion works

These are progressing well, with Western Power Distribution having completed their diversion and the current Bristol Water diversion near Smithcourt Drive and Bush Avenue being on schedule. You may have also noticed work taking place under the railway bridge. This is the relaying of a new water main and reinstating of utilities diversions.

Pegasus Park turning circle works

From Monday 5 July we will be undertaking highway works at the turning circle next to the Pegasus Park access to the west of the railway bridge. Access to the park will not be affected but there will be additional traffic management in place in that location.

Further information

For updates on the project, please like and follow our Facebook group

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www.southglos.gov.uk/cpmetrobus. We would also encourage you to sign up to our newsletter, which you can do by visiting our webpage. If you have any questions, please email **CPmetrobus@southglos.gov.uk**.

Yours faithfully

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