FAQs

Drayton A259 (Chichester to Bognor Road) near Marsh Lane: Construction of Toucan Crossing and associated 50mph Speed Limit Works.

3rd October – 16th December 2022.

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Scheme:
Type: Construction of new Toucan Crossing, and associated 50mph speed limit.
Road: Drayton A259 (Chichester to Bognor Road) near Marsh Lane
Parish: Oving
WSCC Member: Simon Oakley

Summary

Programme dates: **3rd October – 16th December 2022.**

- On behalf of West Sussex County Council, Construction contractor Landbuild Ltd along with our Signals contractor Telent Ltd, will be undertaking road works to construct and install a new Signal Controlled 'Toucan' Crossing for use by cyclists and pedestrians, to replace the existing pedestrian refuge on the Strategic Cycle and Footpath Path Route along this part of the A259 near Marsh Lane.

- These works are being funded from the Department of Transport Active Travel Fund to help improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

In order to protect our workforce and the public:

Appropriate Traffic Management will remain in place until the works are complete. We will reduce traffic management as the works progress and if conditions allow. Hours of work are usually weekdays 7.30am-5.30pm, some night or weekend working might be necessary. Road works signing, barriers, cones, and from 19th October temporary traffic-signals, will be in place.

For more information

For further information please visit our website:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel or liaise with the onsite team, as they might be able to answer your query quickly.

Roadworks information can also be obtained from https://one.network/

This work is susceptible to inclement weather conditions and might have to be delayed or rescheduled at short notice. Please refer to our website and social media for updates.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience; we apologise for the disruption that the road works will cause and will do our very best to keep this to a minimum.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why does this work have to take place?

A. To construct a signalised Toucan crossing to help cyclists and pedestrians cross this busy main road on the strategic cycleway and footway that runs between Chichester and Bognor Regis. Also, to lower the speed limit to 50mph between the Drayton roundabout and Bognor Regis.

Q: What work has to be done?

A. Excavation and removal of the existing traffic island. Construction of a new signalised Toucan crossing incorporating a central traffic island several metres eastwards, with new traffic signals poles and signal heads, associated underground ducting, adjustments to kerblines, new footway construction, Real Time Passenger Information display at both bus stops, new road surfacing, new 50mph speed limit signing, and new road markings.

Whilst this is taking place there will be road works signing, barriers, cones and temporary traffic signals from 19th October and some disruption and delays can be expected especially at peak times.

Q: What will the benefits be once it is finished?

A. Improved cycle and pedestrian safety and easier access to adjacent bus stops.

Q: Will any roads have to be closed during the works?

A. No. However, some delays can be expected because of the operation of the temporary traffic signals, especially during peak times.

Q: When will the work start?

A. Work is due to start from 3rd October 2022. From 19th October temporary traffic signals are expected to be in operation which will result in delays especially at peak times.

Q: When will the work finish?

A. The works is programmed to finish on or before 16th December 2022.

Q: What time of day will the work take place?

A. Weekdays generally between 07.30am to 5.30pm, however road works signing, and temporary traffic signals will be in place from 19th October and up to 16th December and likely to be operational 24hrs daily.

Q: Why are you undertaking the works during the day?

A. Daytime working is the most efficient and effective approach. Unfortunately, we cannot carry out work of this nature without having an impact on the local community. In deciding on the time when the least disruption will occur, we take many factors into consideration. These include:

- *the disruption and disturbance that our works will have on residents, especially at night*
- *the impact that our works will have on local businesses, especially during the day*
- *safety of our workforce, the local community and the wider travelling public*

We cannot carry out these works without generating noise and in order to ensure that we do not unduly disrupt residents' sleep, we have little alternative but to carry out as much of this work as we can during the day.

Q: What disruption can residents expect?

A. Some delays to travelling, occasional noise, and disruption whilst the works are underway. Access to all nearby properties will be maintained whenever possible. However, when works are being carried out in the immediate vicinity delays may occur for operational and/or safety reasons.

The Stagecoach Coastliner 700 route has a bus stop in each direction, designated Merston Corner, within the proposed works area and these will have to be temporarily suspended.

Q: What disruption can motorists or bus passengers expect?

A. Some delays due to the temporary traffic signals especially during peak times.

Q: What disruption can pedestrians expect?

A. Cyclists and pedestrians will be unable to cross the A259 at or in the vicinity of the present traffic island and are advised to use the signed and marked crossing point further north, immediately east of the Drayton roundabout. Each of the bus stops at Merston Corner will be temporarily suspended.

Q: Will temporary bus stops be put in place during the work?

A. No, unfortunately this appears to be impractical at this location.

Q: Will any diversion routes for traffic have to be put in place?

A. No.

Q: Why have you chosen to do this at this time of year?

A. To avoid the busiest time of the year and these are the only dates when road-space is available.

Q: Could weather impact the proposed works?

A. Weather conditions can have an impact on the delivery of the scheme. If the works are delayed we may choose to mitigate this by working over weekends or at night subject to the usual constraints and environmental requirements.

Q: How is this scheme being funded?

A. These works are being funded from the Department for Transport (DfT) Active Travel Fund to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Capital budget cost for this scheme is £300,000.

Q: How to I report a fault or problem on the highway?

The most effective way to report a fault or problem on the highway is to use our reporting application - Love West Sussex.
For full information: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

Q: What is Love West Sussex?

A. The Love West Sussex website and app allow you to inform us of any highways issues such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths and verges, which you come across in the county.

Using the Love West Sussex website or app you will be able to check on the progress of your report and any work being undertaken.

For full information go to: http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home

Q: How do I make contact with West Sussex Highways?

A. If you have any queries on the day regarding how the works are being carried out near you, e.g. 'Can I get access to my property' or 'Can I walk to the shops along the footpath?', then please feel free to ask to speak to the on-site Site Supervisor who is normally best placed to address your concerns.

However, if you would prefer to speak to someone about how or why the works are being carried out then please contact us via the West Sussex County Council Contact Centre on 01243 642105 or via the WSCC website https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/