

M32 weekend closure June 2016

There will be some closures on the M32 between junctions 1 and 3 from 8pm on Friday June 10 until 6am on Monday June 13.

The closures will allow a new bridge to be put in place over the motorway for the MetroBus bus-only junction and required to carry out this work safely.

Alternative routes in and out of Bristol will be clearly signposted during the closures.

Route diversions are being managed by Highways England who are working with Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset councils.

Traffic will be advised of the closures prior to junctions 18 and 16 of the M5. On the M4 traffic will be advised to come off at the junction 18 to access south and east Bristol.

Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and MetroBus have worked with Highways England to minimise disruption resulting from this work so that it can be delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Highways England will be using the closures to undertake survey work at Eastville viaduct to reduce the need for future closures.

Contingency closure

A further provisional closure is planned between 24 and 27 June as a contingency should the planned works not take place during the original road closures due to poor weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

Information for motorists

All closures will be publicised via Highways England's website. Diversion routes will be clearly signed.

We will be undertaking an extensive campaign to engage with road users, stakeholders and affected members of the local community and will ensure local media is kept updated.

To help you plan your journeys in advance please visit www.travelwest.info/m32

Closure programme

The temporary closures are taking place over the weekend when traffic levels are lower.

To minimise closures of the M32 and the associated impact, the work has been split into four shifts:

Fri 10 June 8pm to Sat 11 June 8am

Full closure between Junction 1 and 3 in both directions

Sat 11 June 8am to 8pm

Full closure between Junction 1 and 2 in both directions

Traffic management between Junction 2 and 3 in both directions.

Sat 11 June 8pm to Sun 12 June 6am

Full closure between Junction 1 and 3 in both directions

Sun 12 June 6am to 6pm

M32 and all junctions open

Sun 12 June 6pm to Mon 13 June 6am

Full closure between Junction 2 and 3 in both directions



Alternative ways of travelling to Bristol

Please consider using an alternative way of travelling to Bristol during the weekend closures.

You can use our [Journey Planner](#) to plan your bus, rail or cycling journey.

You can find out about Park and Ride services on the Travelwest website travelwest.info/park-ride

The councils are looking into organising additional Park and Ride services that will operate during the closure from the Portway, Brislington and Long Ashton Park and Ride sites.

Travel updates

You can subscribe to a daily or weekly travel update at travelwest.info/subscribe

MetroBus

MetroBus is a £200 million investment in our region's public transport. The 50km MetroBus network will deliver significant benefits for residents when it opens in 2017.

The new bridge that is being constructed is an essential part of the MetroBus bus-only junction which will allow MetroBus services to access the University of the West of England (UWE) directly from the M32.

Rapid and reliable

The new bridge will mean quicker journeys for bus users travelling from the city centre to UWE, Cribbs Causeway, Emerson's Green and Bradley Stoke.

Bradley Stoke to Bristol city centre

Current timetabled bus service: 58 mins *
MetroBus: 30 mins (saving of 28 mins)

UWE to Bristol city centre

Current timetabled bus service: 27 mins *
MetroBus: 15 mins (saving of 12 mins)

* Journey times for current timetabled services may increase by the time MetroBus services commence due to increased congestion.

The significant improvements MetroBus is making to public transport will benefit everyone across our region - bus passengers will benefit from faster and more reliable journey times.

As buses become more reliable more people will be willing to leave their car at home which eases traffic congestion for everyone - including other road users such as motorists, the emergency services and cyclists.

