

A12 junction 25 Marks Tey to junction 26 Stanway Reconstruction Scheme

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Upcoming weekend work, slip road upgrades and project update

Following the successful completion of our recent traffic management changes on the southbound carriageway of the A12, we're writing to update you on our next phase of work on the A12 Marks Tey to Stanway Concrete Roads Reconstruction Scheme.

We want to let you know about some planned weekend work and changes to the road layout in the coming weeks and months, while we rebuild the hard-to-reach areas on the southbound carriageway and slip roads.

What have we done so far?

As we move into the final few months of the scheme, we have now rebuilt the old concrete road surface on the northbound carriageway, and also lanes 2 and 3 of the southbound carriageway. These rebuilt sections of road currently have a temporary road surface until final resurfacing is completed at the end of the project. We apply the final road surface at final stage to ensure it isn't damaged during the construction work. This also maximises the life of the road surface and ensures a better quality of finish. In the meantime, you might experience some unevenness or bumps on the temporary surface.

We have recycled the old concrete road surface by reusing the old material (including cement) to make the foundations for the new stretches of road. We've also installed new kerbs, drainage and safety barriers.

We've also recently started rebuilding the southbound entry slip road at junction 26, Stanway. The slip road is currently closed continually (24/7) for approximately four weeks while we work at this location.

What's happening next?

Following the completion of our recent traffic management switch, we can now begin reconstructing the final sections of the southbound carriageway.

Ahead of finishing the project in the summer, there are some key activities we'll be doing during the last phase of work:

- Rebuilding the final lane of the southbound carriageway between junction 26 at Stanway and junction 25 at Marks Tey
- Completing work in hard-to-reach areas (these are areas that fall outside, or on the edge of our traffic barriers and safe working areas, meaning it is not safe for our work force or the travelling public for us to work on these sections without closing lanes or making changes to the road layout)
- Rebuilding the southbound exit slip road at junction 25, Marks Tey
- Final resurfacing of both the northbound and southbound carriageways.

Once complete, our project will extend the life of the road, improve safety, and create smoother, quieter journeys.

How will we do this?

Although a lot of our remaining work will be done within our coned-off sections and safe working areas, we will need some weekend lane closures and diversions over the coming months to let us safely complete work in the hard-to-reach areas around junction 25, and on the southbound exit slip road.

During most of this upcoming weekend work, the A12 will remain open to traffic but you may see some changes to the road layout around junction 25. While this work has been carefully planned and sequenced to minimise disruption and reduce the impact on the local road network, there may be some diversions and additional congestion in the area. So please allow more time for your journey during this period.

At the end of our weekend work later this summer, we'll need one full weekend road closure between the junction 25 southbound exit slip road and junction 25 southbound entry slip road while we work on the road underneath the Marks Tey junction.

We understand the impact that full road closures can have on motorists and the local community. We aim to reduce these impacts as much as possible. Therefore, we have grouped together all the remaining work which will need road closures. These will all be done in one single weekend towards the end of this project. While we understand closures can be disruptive, we're planning to make these changes as quickly as possible, and with the least possible disruption.

During our closures, we urge customers to:

- Plan ahead
- Avoid unnecessary travel
- Follow the diversion routes and signage in place and not sat nav's
- Allow more time for your journey when travelling in the area

When is this work happening?

A list of our upcoming work is listed in the table below:

| Dates of closure | Closure details | Diversion Route |
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| Ongoing until no later than 24 May 2024 | Full closure (24/7) of the A12 southbound entry slip road at junction 26 Stanway | Traffic will join the A12 northbound at J26 Stanway and travel to junction 27, and re-join the A12 southbound at junction 27 entry slip road. |

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| <p> 10 - 13 May 2024 17 - 20 May 2024 31 May - 3 June 2024 07 - 10 June 2024 21 - 24 June 2024 </p> <p>Between 8pm each Friday evening and 6am each Monday morning</p> | <p>We will be doing weekend work in hard-to-reach areas on the A12 southbound carriageway.</p> <p>During this time, the A12 southbound will remain open to traffic but with some changes to the road layout around junction 25 Marks Tey.</p> | <p>The southbound contraflow lane will remain open as normal. We advise motorists wanting to continue on the A12 southbound past junction 25 Marks Tey to use this lane.</p> <p>Traffic travelling in the inside lane will be diverted off of the A12 at junction 25 southbound exit slip road. Customers in this lane that wish to continue travelling southbound along the A12, will be diverted up and over the junction, rejoining the A12 via the junction 25 southbound entry slip road.</p> |
| <p>24 June - 19 July 2024</p> | <p>Full closure (24/7) of the southbound exit slip road at junction 25 Marks Tey for approx. four weeks while we reconstruct the surface within the slip road carriageway.</p> | <p>Traffic will continue along the A12 southbound to junction 24 and re-join the A12 northbound via the J24 northbound entry slip road.</p> |
| <p> 19 - 22 July 2024 26 - 29 July 2024 09 - 12 August 2024 </p> <p>Between 8pm each Friday evening and 6am each Monday morning</p> | <p>We will be undertaking some work in hard-to-reach areas on the A12 southbound carriageway.</p> <p>During this time, the A12 southbound will remain open to traffic but with some changes to the road layout around junction 25 Marks Tey.</p> | <p>The southbound contraflow lane will remain open as normal. We advise motorists wanting to continue on the A12 southbound past J25 Marks Tey to use this lane.</p> <p>Traffic travelling in the inside lane will be diverted off of the A12 at junction 25 southbound exit slip road. Customers in this lane that wish to continue travelling southbound along the A12, will be diverted up and over the junction, rejoining the A12 via the junction 25 southbound entry slip road.</p> |

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| 16 - 19 August 2024 Between 8pm on 16 August and 6am on 19 August | Full closure of the A12 carriageway between junction 25 southbound exit slip road, and junction 25 entry slip road. | All A12 southbound traffic will be diverted up and over junction 25, exiting the southbound carriageway via the southbound exit slip road, and re-joining the A12 southbound the other side of the junction via the junction 25 southbound entry slip road. |
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The dates listed above will be subject to factors including weather and work progress. For updates on our work and to see our interactive diversion maps for each phase, please visit our scheme webpage: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/MarksTeytoStanway.

We thank all customers and local residents for their patience while we carry out this important work.

Rat running

We're aware of the concerns voiced by local residents about some motorists using smaller, local roads during our closures. Not only do local roads have lower speed restrictions, they also aren't meant for large vehicles or high volumes of traffic, and they often have weight restrictions in place. It can also lead to more congestion, increasing the risk of accidents for both motorists and pedestrians. With this in mind, we ask drivers to follow the diversion routes in place and not use 'rat runs' during our closures, as this can impact local communities.

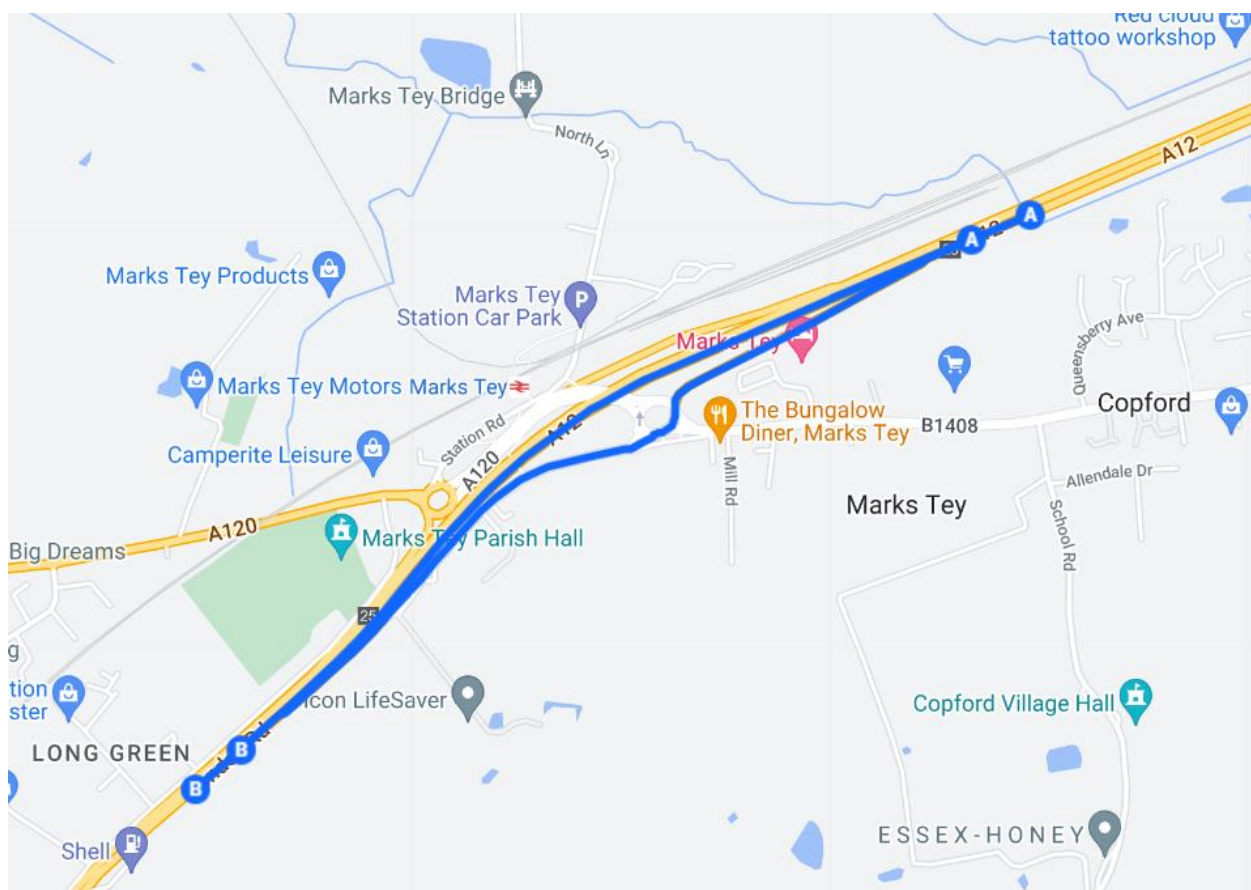
Keep in touch

If you have any questions about this work, you can contact us by calling our 24/7 Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or by emailing info@nationalhighways.co.uk. Alternatively, please visit our website to learn more about this project: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/MarksTeytoStanway.

You can also keep up to date on road closures by visiting our Traffic England website at www.trafficengland.com or by following our X feed: [@HighwaysEAST](https://twitter.com/HighwaysEAST).

Yours faithfully,

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Map showing changes to the road layout during upcoming weekend works around junction 25.

- A12 southbound contraflow lane will remain open as usual.
- Customers in the inside lane that wish to continue travelling southbound along the A12, will be diverted up and over junction 25 Marks Tey, rejoining the A12 via the junction 25 southbound entry slip road.