

A11 Spooner Row to Tuttle Interchange Reconstruction Scheme

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Advanced notification of Traffic Management Switch - A11 Spooner Row to Tuttle Interchange reconstruction scheme

So far, we've reconstructed 5.3 miles of road on the northbound carriageway, which means a smoother road surface, less noise and improved safety for drivers. As we approach the completion of our work to reconstruct the northbound carriageway, we'll soon need to focus our attention on the southbound carriageway. This means that our traffic management contraflow will switch over from the southbound to the northbound carriageway.

New northbound contraflow

The scheme will continue to use a contraflow system to keep the A11 open during the reconstruction of the road, but it will now be located on the soon to be completed northbound carriageway. The carriageway will still be reduced to one lane in both directions as we work, whilst the speed limit through the scheme will remain at 40mph, so we can ensure the safety of our workers and the travelling public.

We've tried to find a balance in serving through traffic on the A11, as well as the needs of local road users, but we're aware that our traffic management will cause delays on both the A11 and on local roads during peak morning and evening times. We also expect there to be heavier than usual congestion after the traffic management switch is completed, as road users get used to the new layout. We expect this to calm down within a week or so, before traffic then returns to its normal levels.

Slip roads and trial opening of Browick northbound entry slip

It's also important to note that some slip roads will continue to be closed for extended periods during the construction of the scheme. Please see the traffic management plan at the end of this letter for more information. Following feedback from local customers, we'll be undertaking a trial opening of the Browick Road northbound entry slip for 6 weeks, from the start of the traffic management switch. This will be done to help northbound traffic that's also merging onto the A11, by using the northbound Tuttle Lane Interchange entry slip. We'll measure the success of the trial, before providing you with our results. If the trial is successful, then the Browick Road entry slip will remain open.

Switch closures

We had aimed to switch our traffic management contraflow in mid-December, but the recent cold snap has prevented us from being able to complete our northbound resurfacing in time. So, we've taken the decision to now complete the traffic management switch in January 2023, which will require the following closures:

7 January 2023 from 8.00pm to 6.00am	Closure of Tuttle Interchange southbound exit slip road, and B1135
9 January 2023 from 8.00pm to 6.00am	A11 northbound closure from Attleborough to Thickthorn, between 8pm and 6am.
11 January 2023 from 8.00pm to 6.00am	A11 northbound and southbound closure from Attleborough to Thickthorn, between 8pm and 6am.
12 January 2023 from 6.00am	New traffic management in place. One lane open each way for northbound and southbound. Please check the traffic management plan at the end of this letter to see which slip roads are open or closed.

Although we undertake a lot of our more disruptive work during the day, there will on occasion be a requirement for us to work at night, in order to complete specific sections of the scheme. It's possible that some local residents may notice some minor vibrations or noise disruption when the work takes place. As a considerate construction scheme, we work within specific limits when it comes to noise and vibration. Our team will use specialist equipment to measure our activity, in order to check we are within our limits when our work takes place. We'll instruct our teams to do their best to keep any disruption down to a minimum and apologise in advance for any disturbance caused.

All dates are subject to change due to operational requirements and weather.

Diversion routes

Northbound closure - During this time, traffic wishing to travel northbound on the A11, will be diverted along the A1066 at Thetford, before travelling northbound on the A140 towards the A47. At the A47 junction, join the A47 westbound to the Thickthorn interchange.

Southbound closure - During this time, traffic wishing to travel southbound on the A11, will be invited to travel along A47 before joining the A140 southbound, and then the A1066 westbound towards Thetford, before re-joining the A11.

Southbound Tuttle Interchange exit slip closure – traffic wishing to exit the A11 when travelling southbound, will be directed to exit the A11 at the A47 Thickthorn Interchange, before using the B1172 to travel to Wymondham.

For more information about our diversion routes, please go to www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete.

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Get in touch

We look forward to updating you on our progress in the near future. If you require further information, then please feel free to contact us by calling the 24/7 National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, email ConcreteRoadsEastA11@nationalhighways.co.uk or visit our website at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A11concrete.

Road users can also keep up to date on road closures by visiting our Traffic England website at www.trafficengland.com or by following our Twitter feed: @HighwaysEAST.

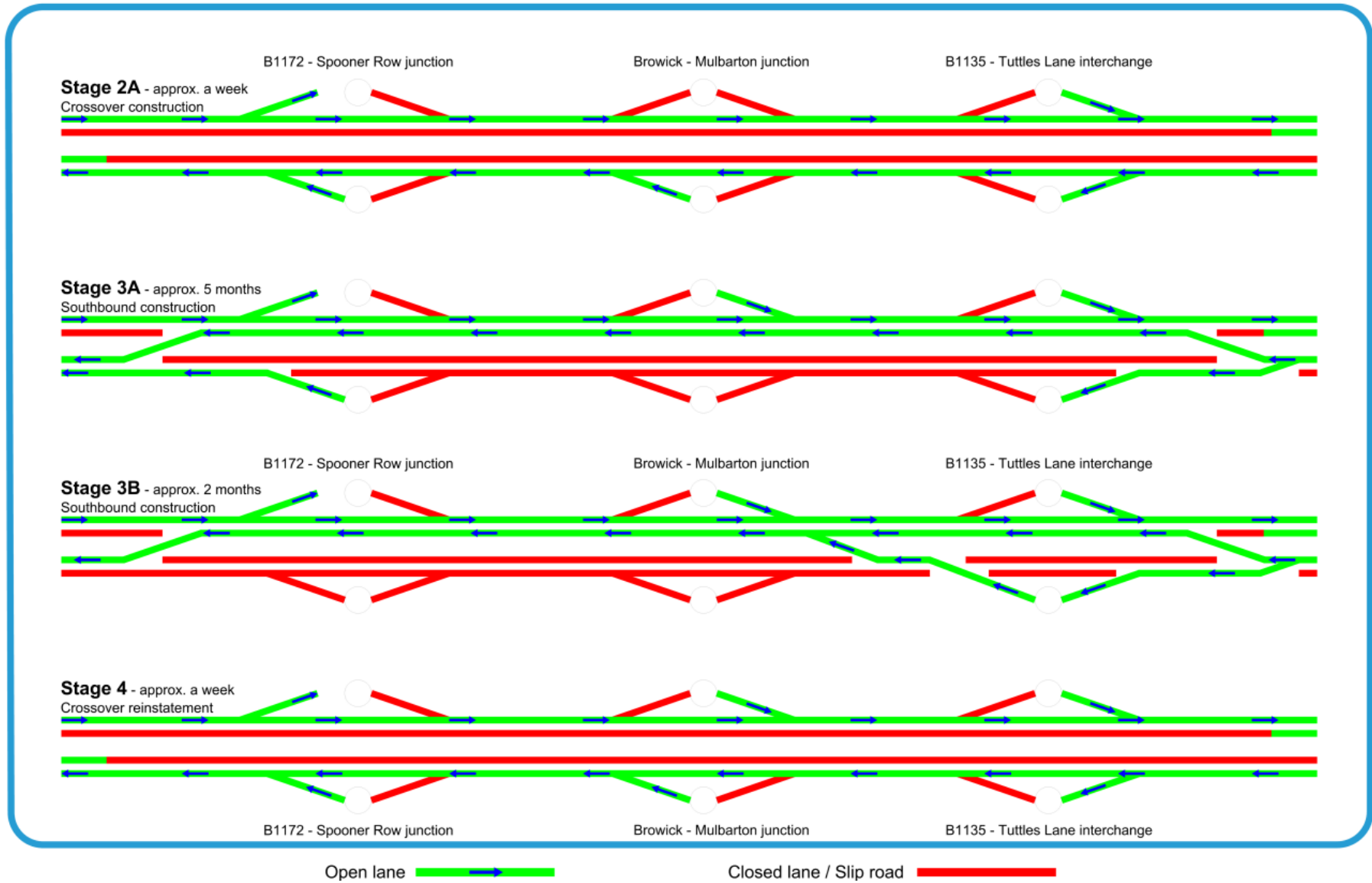
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