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- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.

If you need help using this or any other
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Safe roads, reliable journeys, informed travellers

Junction 4 **M5** Improvement Part of the pinch point programme



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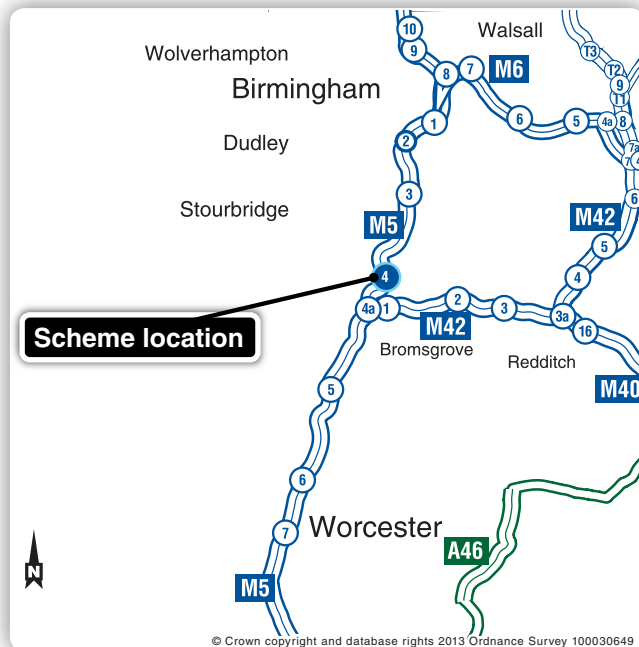
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M5 junction 4 improvements; part of the pinch point programme

Pinch Points are projects on the Highways Agency road network to remove bottlenecks which are holding back economic growth. Pinch points provide improvements that can deliver big returns by easing congestion and making journey times more reliable for road users.

Work will start in June 2014 to improve junction 4 on the M5 to widen the carriageway around the junction roundabout to four lanes, building extensions to the over-bridges. We will also widen and extend the exit slip roads to create additional capacity.



M5 junction 4 improvement scheme objectives:

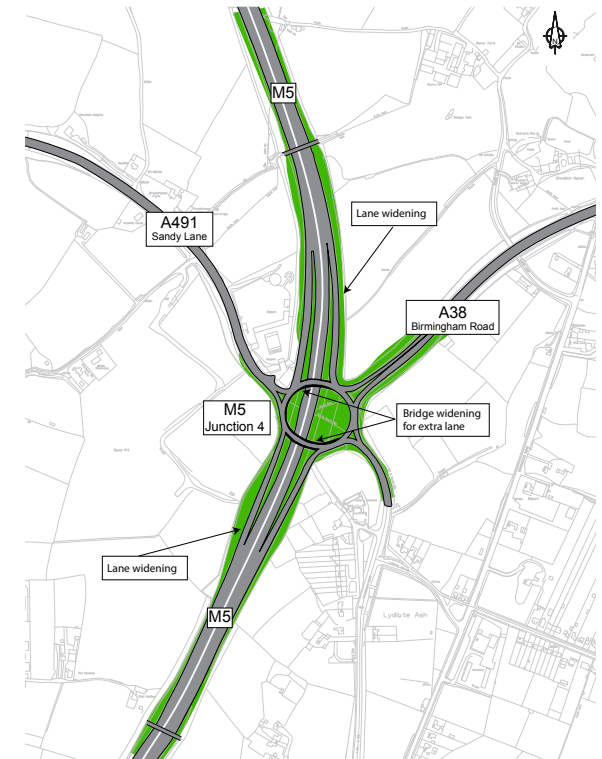
- Significantly improve the flow and capacity of traffic around the roundabout
- Reduce queuing back onto the motorway from the exit slip roads
- Improve journey times for road users through the junction
- Improve traffic flow between the M5, M42 and the local highway network, reducing congestion
- Minimise environmental impact during construction
- Provide additional technology to monitor and manage traffic

What will happen during construction?

We will use narrow lanes, temporary speed limits and some overnight closures to complete the work safely. When we have to close the carriageway we will advertise this in advance and clearly signpost diversions to minimise disruption to roadusers.

We are working together with the Highways Agency team currently building the concrete safety barrier between junctions 4a and 6 to design a streamlined traffic management plan for both schemes which will work together to protect roadusers and roadworkers during construction.

Once construction work begins at junction 4, the M5 will be reduced to three lanes



approaching the junction and there will be phases during construction when the carriageway will be reduced to one or two lanes through the junction. These will be programmed when traffic flows are at their lightest to avoid unnecessary disruption.

The limited space available within the junction and with construction work being undertaken overhead will mean that the speed limit on the M5 through the junction will reduce to 40 mph for approximately 2 miles.

Traffic management will be changed as the scheme progresses, all changes and information will be frequently updated on the Highways Agency project's webpage and you can register for updates to be kept informed.