

# Project update



## Last stage of final surfacing starts early next week

Installation of the final low-noise asphalt over the length of the new motorway was planned to start in January.

Unfortunately, there were delays (outside of our control) with the arrival of materials required from the USA, due to the continuing effects of COVID-19. Interruptions in both national and international shipping lines are on-going and continue to be a challenge.

As a result, we have adjusted our programme and all going well, work will start early next week, weather dependent. The work will take approximately six to eight weeks.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you all, especially neighbours, for your patience.

### Speed restrictions apply and two Sunday detours planned

Most of the work will take place overnight between 7pm and 6am.

The motorway will stay open, however with some speed restrictions where work is underway. The locations will vary as work progresses along the motorway length.

There are two Sunday **overnight** closures (with detours) planned for 14 February and 21 February to be aware of. We will give you a heads up closer to the time.

**It is important all motorists follow the posted speed limits and increase their travelling distances between vehicles.**

## Be ready for delays entering Rolleston

Closures on Weedons Ross Road for construction work could cause delays at peak times for traffic travelling into Rolleston via the motorway over the next few days.

As this is the end of the motorway, a change in traffic flows can impact the motorway at this point. Please be ready for delays and plan your journey accordingly.

### 'The merge' and what's next for Rolleston

We have had questions from some commuters about why there is a merge of the southbound lanes, before the Hoskyns Road traffic signals.

This merge helps reduce speeds approaching the intersection and creates a change in driving environment. (A transition between leaving the motorway and approaching a township.)

Planning is underway on the Rolleston Transport Improvements Project, which includes a bridge linking Rolleston Drive to Hoskyns Road, removing the need for traffic signals. As part of this project, the merge will be reassessed, and it may shift further south. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and continue through to 2025.

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