

M20 Junction 4

Eastern Bridge Widening

Proposals for placing the new Bridge Beams

Introduction

Our last Newsletter was distributed in August advising of delays to the project due to construction problems with the foundations and seeking views on whether the temporary ban of the right turn out of Castle Way should be made permanent. We are now able to inform you of the traffic management arrangements for the installation of the beams and to update you on the current programme to complete the works.

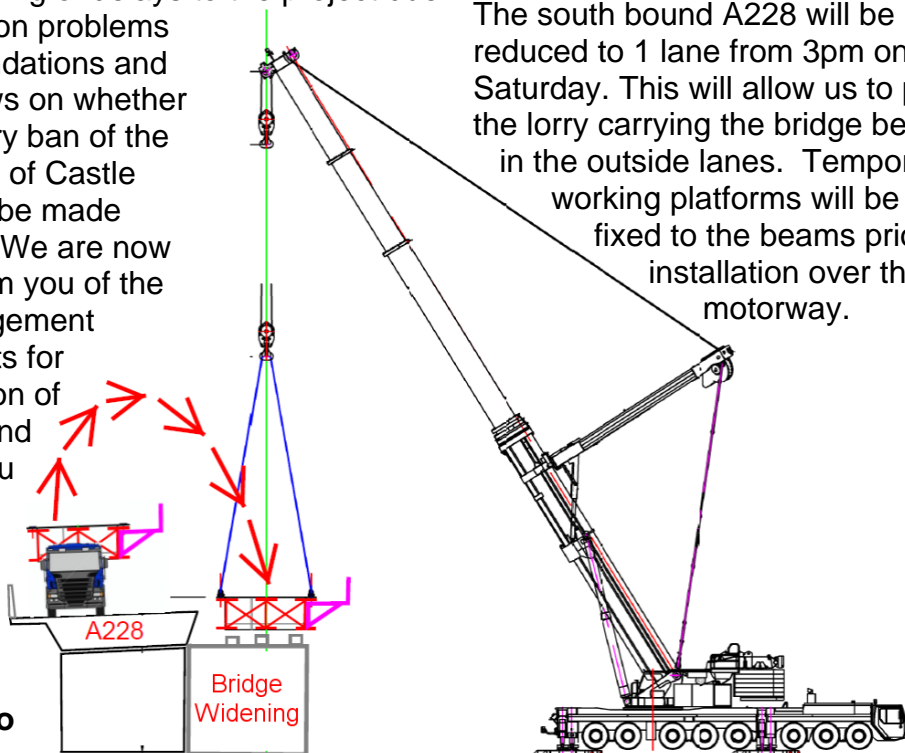
Proposals to place the beams

To place the bridge beams we will need to :

- close the M20 motorway between 8pm on Saturday 8 October until 6am on Sunday 9 October.
- close the eastern bridge of Junction 4 for four hours between 1am and 5am on Sunday 9 October.
- reduce the lanes available for traffic on the south bound A228 just north of Junction 4.
 - * from 4 lanes to 2 lanes from 4am on Saturday 8 October and then
 - * from 2 lanes to 1 lane from 3pm on Saturday 8 October until 3am on Sunday 9 October

Stage 1 – Daytime Saturday 8 October

The south bound A228 will be reduced to 1 lane from 3pm on Saturday. This will allow us to park the lorry carrying the bridge beams in the outside lanes. Temporary working platforms will be fixed to the beams prior to installation over the motorway.



We will then wait for traffic flows on the M20 to reduce so that the closure can be put in place from 8pm

Stage 2 – Night-time Saturday 8 October / Sunday 9 October

Once the M20 motorway and the existing eastern bridge have been closed to traffic, the beams will be moved onto the existing bridge ready for installation. Two mobile cranes will set up on the motorway adjacent to the bridge. The cranes will operate in tandem to lift the beams into position.

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What Next?

- New bridge supports - to end of Sept
- Lift in bridge beams - overnight 8 & 9 Oct
- Construct concrete deck on top of the beams - to end of Nov
- Construct new parapet - Dec
- New carriageway surfacing - Dec
- Reinstate motorway communications - to mid Dec
- Install new traffic signals and finishing works - Dec
- Scheme complete - before Christmas

Keeping the local community and drivers informed

Our public liaison officer will deal with any queries or provide information. He can be contacted on tel: 07899 050803, by e-mail at jamesdeekes@sisk.co.uk or please just come to the site offices located on the east side of Castle Way just north of Junction 4.

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Traffic Diversions

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When the M20 motorway is closed the motorway traffic will be diverted up and down the slip roads

A228 Northbound

The A228 north bound from West Malling to Snodland and the Medway Towns will remain open at all times.

