

Marston Box Communication Toolkit

M42 motorway – Junctions 9 and 10

One week closure

9pm Friday 24 December - 9pm Friday 31 December 2021

What is happening

Marston Box is the bridge that will carry the HS2 line across the M42 motorway near junction 9, north of Lea Marston and Curdworth in North Warwickshire. In December 2021 we need to undertake work, between junctions 9 and 10 of the M42 motorway, to prepare the ground to enable us to move the Marston Box bridge into position in winter 2022.

To complete these works safely and efficiently there will be a temporary full closure of both the M42 southbound and northbound, between junctions 9 and 10, for 7 days. The closure period will be:

9pm on Friday 24 December (Christmas Eve) to 9pm on Friday 31 December 2021 (New Year's Eve).

A clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind motorists of the closure.

If you have any questions regarding the closure, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk on:

Freephone: 08081 434 434

Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

To receive updates about the closure, subscribe to
www.hs2inwarwickshire.co.uk

About HS2

HS2 is a new high-speed railway that will link up the North, the Midlands and South East, serving eight of Britain's 10 largest cities. It is critical for the UK's low carbon transport future and will provide much-needed rail capacity across the country.

Balfour Beatty VINCI (BBV) is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high-speed railway. BBV are responsible for designing and building the West Midlands section of HS2's Phase One route, covering approximately 90km from Long Itchington in Warwickshire to Lichfield in Staffordshire.

BBV, HS2 and National Highways are working in partnership to make sure all communities and stakeholders are informed in advance and are aware of the traffic management associated with our works.

This toolkit will enable you to find out more information and provide support to help you plan your journey.

How to use this toolkit

Please share this toolkit with your marketing and communications department to help us inform people of the M42 closure in December 2021. If you don't have a specific department, consider what information you will need to use from this pack, to communicate with your staff, customers, communities, networks and students.

Included in this toolkit:

- Suggested copy suitable for digital channels
- Graphics for digital channels
- A4 Notification

How we are helping

BBV is working with HS2, National Highways and key transport and consenting authorities to plan and deliver these works safely.

Our main aim is to provide a consistent and joined up message for all those people travelling in and around the area and to encourage them to plan their journeys and help reduce congestion.

This toolkit contains some useful information which will help you communicate the closure with your colleagues, customers and clients and complements a social media marketing campaign.

You can also visit our dedicated webpage: www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box

Travel advice

Travelling on the M42

A signed diversion will be in place for road users during the closure of the M42 motorway:

- The northbound diversion between J9 and J10 will direct road users along the A446, A453 and A5 roads.
- The southbound diversion between J10 and J9 will direct road users along the A5, A453 and A446 roads.

If you are travelling north or south, or between North Warwickshire and North West Leicestershire then please use the diversion route or plan ahead and use an alternative route to your destination. Allow extra time for all journeys.

Travelling locally

If you travel between North Warwickshire, Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield and Tamworth it may be busier than normal. Plan ahead using apps and journey planners.

If you travel along the A446, A453 and A5 it may be busier during this closure period so look for alternative routes and leave extra time.

Key messages

Plan ahead and leave more time for your journey: If you travel on or around the M42 J9 to J10 you may need to allow more time for your journey.

Use public transport wherever possible: This is to reduce congestion in the immediate area.

Think about your options: The closure of the M42 J9 to J10 (northbound and southbound) will mean that you may need to plan an alternative route. Check the latest traffic conditions before you leave using websites like Google Maps, one.network or Waze.

If you work: speak to your employer about whether there is any flexibility in your hours of work.

If you are an employer: Consider if there are times your team could avoid travelling altogether, such as working from home for all or part of the seven day closure.

Suggested copy for your material

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9pm on Friday 24 December (Christmas Eve) to 9pm on Friday 31 December 2021 (New Year's Eve).

This is to facilitate Balfour Beatty Vinci to complete works that will enable the Marston Box bridge to be moved into position in winter 2022.

A clearly signed diversion route will be in place over this period with advance signage in place to help remind motorists of the closure.

You can still get to where you need to go but you'll need to follow the diversion, plan ahead and leave more time for journeys:

Find out more: www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box

Travelling locally

The M42 will be closed between J9 and J10 (northbound and southbound) for 7 days. The closure period will be:

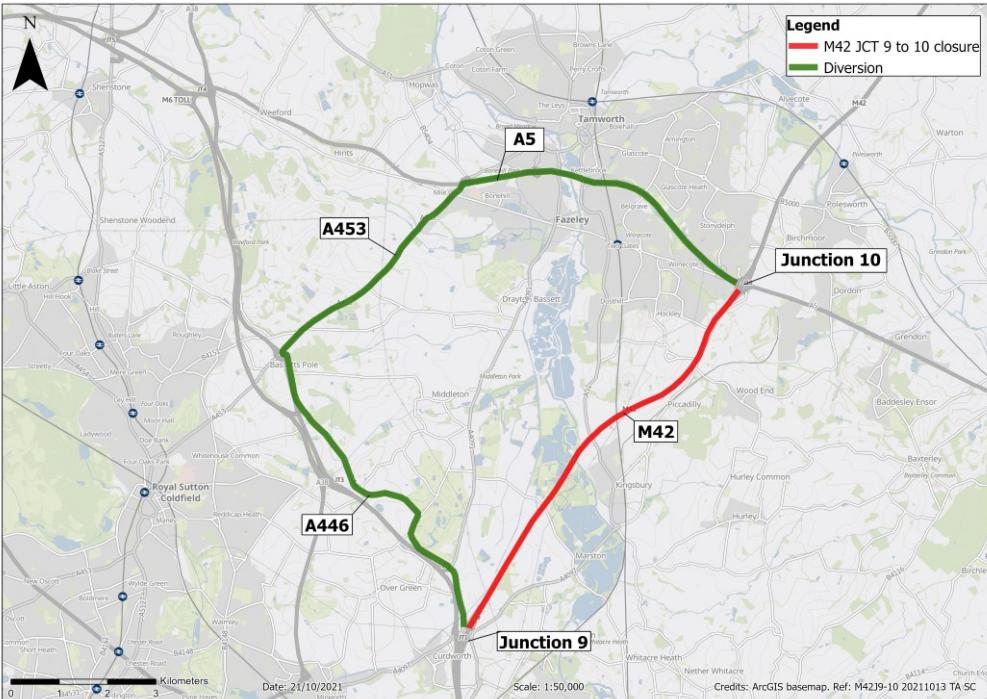
9pm on Friday 24 December (Christmas eve) to 9pm on Friday 31 December 2021 (New year's eve).

This means that there will be more traffic on local roads and travelling around North Warwickshire, Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield and Tamworth may take longer, so plan ahead and leave extra time.

If you travel along the A446, A453 or A5 consider looking for alternative routes and leave extra time.

Find out more: www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box

Diversion route



There will be a diversion in place throughout the works. More details of the diversion can be found here: www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box

The diversion route for the closure of the M42 motorway:

The **northbound diversion** between J9 and J10 will direct you along the A446, A453 and A5 roads.

The **southbound diversion** between J10 and J9 will direct you along the A5, A453 and A446 roads.

This diversion route, travelling north and south, is **approximately 13 miles** with a journey time of **approximately 15 minutes** in normal traffic conditions.

Facebook copy

M42 Junction 9-10 closure

From December 2021

**Diversion in place
Please plan ahead**



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Twitter copy

M42 Junction 9-10 closure

From December 2021

**Diversion in place
Please plan ahead**



The M42 will be closed between J9 & J10 north & southbound for 7 days from 9pm on Friday 24 December - 9pm on Friday 31 December 2021.

You can still get to where you need to via a diversion route. Please plan ahead & leave more time for journeys. Click [here](#) for more information.

A4 Notification

Balfour Beatty VINCI Working in partnership with HS2

Closure of the M42 motorway between junctions 9 and 10

Friday 24 December to Friday 31 December 2021

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty VINCI is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high speed railway in your area.

We are progressing with the construction of Marston Box, which is the bridge that will carry the HS2 line over the M42 motorway near junction 9 Dunton Interchange. The construction of the bridge is being carried out on land adjacent to the motorway before it is moved into position in winter 2022.

The work we will be doing

During the closure in December 2021 we need to undertake work, between junctions 9 and 10 of the M42 motorway, to prepare the ground which will enable us to slide the Marston Box bridge into position in winter 2022. The works we will complete, in the closure this year, will include:

- Removing the existing surface of the motorway where the bridge will be located.
- Installing construction materials to create the foundations and improve the stability of the ground to support the weight of the bridge.
- Replacing barriers and install additional safety barriers.
- Removing and upgrading the existing drainage system.
- Installing a new surface to enable the motorway to re-open to road users.

When we will close the M42 Motorway

We are working closely with National Highways (formerly Highways England) to plan and complete these works. To complete these works safely and efficiently we will close the M42 motorway from:

9pm on Friday 24 December (Christmas Eve) to 9pm on Friday 31 December 2021 (New Year's Eve).

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Notification



Duration of works

There will be a temporary full closure of both the M42 southbound and northbound, between junctions 9 and 10, for seven days.

We will close this section of the M42 motorway, in both directions, from 9pm on Friday 24 December to 9pm on Friday 31 December 2021.

What to expect

We will have clear signage in place to direct road users through the diversion route between junction 9 and 10 (see map on page 2).

Our vehicles will access these works from junction 9 of the M42 motorway.

There will be some low levels of noise from these works and additional lighting in our working areas.

What we will do

Inform you in advance of any changes to the dates shown.

Keep all sites safe and secure.

Ask you to register with hs2warwickshire.co.uk to receive updates.

You can download this notification [here](#)

Useful contacts

For more information and project updates relating to the works please visit: www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box

For up-to-the-minute travel information and help planning your journey, please see below:

Plan a journey	Transport for West Midlands	tfwm.org.uk	@TransportForWM
Plan a journey	Traveline	traveline.info	@travelineEM
Plan a journey	Warwickshire County Council	warwickshire.gov.uk/public-transport	@Warwickshire_CC
By bus	National Express West Midlands	nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands	@nxwestmidlands
By train	National Rail	nationalrail.co.uk	@nationalraileng

If you require any campaign materials in an alternative format, get in touch: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Partners



HS2 is a new high speed railway that will link up the North, the Midlands and South East, serving eight of Britain's 10 largest cities. It is critical for the UK's low carbon transport future and will provide much-needed rail capacity across the country. It is integral to other rail projects in the North and Midlands – helping rebalance the UK economy. For more information about HS2, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, or for more information about the works we are doing in the Warwickshire area please visit www.HS2inWarwickshire.co.uk



Balfour Beatty VINCI is responsible for designing and building part of the most exciting and challenging railway project in Europe: HS2. We are building the West Midlands section of HS2's Phase One route, spanning approximately 90km from Long Itchington in Warwickshire to Handsacre in Staffordshire. We will be employing thousands of people in the area to design and build the civil infrastructure for HS2 through the West Midlands area.



We operate, maintain and improve England's motorways and major A roads. Our roads network is vital to the running of the country and our customers, and their safety remains our priority. We are committed to working with HS2 Ltd and other partners to plan and co-ordinate our works programmes where we can. While HS2 carry out these works we will make every effort to keep you updated and informed in advance of works to help you plan your journeys and help support a better-connected future.

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