

ITEM 8

Update on M65/Junction 13 works

Work start date: 22/02/16

Work Scheduled completion date: 31/03/17

Current estimated completion date: 14/04/17

The works requiring the overnight closure and the temporary signals have now been completed. The temporary signals were removed overnight on Thursday 2nd February. We have therefore minimised the temporary traffic management in place and allowed the junction to revert back to operate as a roundabout with road markings provided to suit this current arrangement.

A temporary pedestrian crossing has been placed on the Barrowford Road arm of the roundabout as this has been identified as a potential hazard for vulnerable road users whilst we await the permanent traffic signals to be installed and commissioned. Early indication, following the removal of the signals, is that traffic is flowing well and the junction is working as efficiently as possible. The final wearing course, the installation of the signals and the new signage associated with the new layout is due to be completed during March and April.

Further overnight closures will be required at the end of March/early April to enable the final surface course to be laid to the road surface and the installation of the new road markings. There has been a need to extend the completion date as we have chosen to use a more durable surfacing material over that which was originally proposed. It has a longer service life, superior performance and should require less maintenance. It can however be weather susceptible when laid and this is the reason why we have chosen to complete the works in a period when the weather conditions are improving.