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Sent: 05 April 2024 16:40
To: HARPER, Mark
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: M4 Prince of Wales Bridge Maintenance

Dear Mr Harper,

I am writing to you regarding our planned maintenance on the M4 Prince of Wales Bridge later this year.

The bridge is now almost 30 years old and requires maintenance to continue to provide road users with safe and comfortable journeys. In July we will begin a programme of work to refurbish and resurface the deck of the central section of the bridge.

We know how important reliable journeys are to communities and economies on either side of the bridge. Our work has been designed to avoid a significant increase in cross border journey times.

The scheme is scheduled to take 19 weeks. This duration allows us to keep two lanes available in each direction on the M4 using a contraflow. Keeping four out of five lanes open in each direction across both crossings should minimise disruption. Prior to the start of the scheme, we will be carrying out an accelerated programme of maintenance on the M48 Severn Bridge to ensure it remains safe and serviceable during the works on the M4.

We're committed to working closely with our stakeholders throughout the duration of the scheme. We have fortnightly liaison meetings with colleagues from the Welsh Government and the South Wales Trunk Road Agent and use these to share information, such as planned major events, and build this into our plans. This will mean our work is planned with our customers in mind from the outset. We are writing to local authorities and other key local stakeholders, to let them know about our intentions.

We'd like to arrange a meeting with you to provide more detail on how we are working to minimise the impact on road users and the local community. If this is something you'd be interested in, please can you respond with your availability and we will then set up a meeting accordingly. We are contacting your fellow MPs and MSs in the region and, depending on availability, are happy to brief you and other elected members together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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