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Upcoming Roadworks: M4 Prince of Wales Bridge Re-surfacing

Dear Sir / Madam,

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 2024 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. We've designed our work to avoid a significant increase in cross border journey times and minimise disruption during peak travel periods and public events.

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 M4 and M48 crossings should minimise traffic delays.

We're completing this work during the summer to reduce the risk of it coinciding with weather-related restrictions on the M48 Severn Bridge. Prior to the start of the scheme, we're carrying out an accelerated programme of maintenance on the Severn Bridge to ensure it remains safe and serviceable during the work on the M4.

We're committed to working closely with our stakeholders throughout the duration of the scheme, including regular liaison meetings with colleagues from the Welsh Government and the South Wales Trunk Road Agent.

We will publish further information about these works on the following webpage:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/m4-prince-of-wales-bridge-resurfacing/>

Real-time information about the status of the bridges and details of planned closures can also be found at our dedicated webpage for the Severn bridges:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/the-severn-bridges/>

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

Kind regards,

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