

A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 5 – May 2010

Quality Bus Scheme starts

Construction of the A65 Quality Bus Initiative scheme to improve bus journeys along Kirkstall Road in Leeds has now commenced.

The council was awarded grant funding of almost £20m by the Department of Transport to construct the eastern section of the A65 Quality Bus Corridor in March. The scheme will deliver big improvements to bus travel along Kirkstall Road, which is used by around 7,500 passengers a day. The site clearance has been completed and the services diversions are now well underway. Duct crossings of Kirkstall Road for future cable diversions and traffic signal installations are being progressed at night to avoid traffic disruption during the day. The whole contract is expected to take just over two years to complete.

The design is for 4km of new bus lanes to both sides of the road, plus cycle lanes and seven new or improved pedestrian crossings together with new bus shelters and real time passenger information displays.

Six bus routes use the corridor serving destinations like the airport, Guiseley, Otley, Bradford and Keighley with up to 28 buses each hour during the day.

The improvements should save bus passengers seven minutes on their journeys to and from the city centre during the morning and evening rush hours.

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Immediately after the Spring bank holiday works will commence along the section of Commercial Road / Kirkstall Road between Beecroft Street and Burley Wood Mount, approximately 800 metres (see Plan 1 Traffic Management - June 2010.pdf). The current arrangement of one lane in each direction will be maintained during all busy times and only slight delays are expected.

Burley Wood Mount is planned to be closed from 06:00 7th June until 18:00 9th June (see Plan 2 Traffic Management - June 2010.pdf). Gilbert Mount is planned to be closed from 06:00 10th June, on weekdays only, for the next four months (see Plan 3 Traffic Management - June 2010.pdf). During these times, local diversions will be in place.

Night works

Overnight lane closures / temporary signals will continue throughout June across the sites. We will be working from Sunday to Thursday nights each week between 19:00

hours and 06:00 hours. These works are undertaken overnight to minimise the impact of the works on road users.

Further traffic management updates will be posted on this page as they become available. Dates given for closures are approximate and may be subject to change at short notice.