



## **A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 16 – August 2011**

### **Traffic Management**

The City bound traffic management on the A65 carriageway, starting at the Northern Snooker Centre and ending at Marlborough Street, has been moved over in order for kerbing and footway works to be carried out and to divert pedestrians safely past the working area. We expect this section of traffic management to be in place until the middle of September, after which the West Street Gyratory will be fully opened up to traffic.

The outbound traffic management on Kirkstall Road, starting at Staples and ending at Benfield Ford, will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Although most of the work has been completed in this area, the three traffic lanes (2 general traffic and 1 bus lane) cannot be opened up to traffic safely until the work up to the Willow Road Junction is complete, in Summer 2012.

Traffic management has been introduced on the southern section of Kirkstall Road, from Benfield Ford to Willow Road Junction, to enable footway refurbishment works to take place safely. Pedestrians are being safely diverted into the road while the works take place on the footway. When the footway refurbishment works are opposite Yorkshire Television, Studio Road will be closed to avoid any disruption caused by right turning traffic. There is an alternative right turn prior to Studio Road which will still be available.

Also near the YTV studios, a road closure for drainage works has been implemented. The side road joining Kirkstall Road Service Road to Kirkstall Road will be closed from 7am 15 August 2011 until 5pm 19 August 2011. The closure is required to enable the large drainage pipes to be placed deep in the ground. The side road will not be accessible during these works. Diversions will be in operation during this time (see Plan16 - August 2011).

Traffic management on Commercial Road, between Beecroft Street and Gilbert Mount, was moved onto the northern carriageway on the 16 August. This will remain in place until September 2011. The traffic management will enable drainage and carriageway widening works to take place. This arrangement of one lane in each direction will be maintained during all busy times and only slight delays are expected.

Traffic management on Kirkstall Road between Burleywood Mount and Gilbert Mount will remain in place until March 2012. Traffic lanes will be narrowed to 3.25metres to allow drainage works to be carried out safely. The current arrangement of one lane in each direction will be maintained during all busy times and only slight delays are expected. To reduce hold ups and allow traffic to pass, lay-bys will be provided wherever possible for buses to drop off and pick up passengers.

### **Day works**

Beecroft Street to Gilbert Mount – On the south side of Commercial Road finishing works to the carriageway, footway and verge are now complete. Work will commence shortly at St. Anne's Mills Access Road, where a new island is to be built in the carriageway. Traffic has now been switched over to allow drainage works to commence in the northern carriageway widening.

Gilbert Mount to Woodside View – Work to put in place the drainage system for the scheme is ongoing. This work initially concentrated around the area opposite the Immigration Offices and Woodside View but drainage work has now begun on the section between Gilbert Mount and Burley Wood Mount. Kerbing and footway works have now started in the old bus turnaround near Woodside View and will continue throughout August 2011. A new pedestrian crossing is also being constructed in this area and some evening working will take place, see Night works. The crossing is due to be complete by around mid September 2011.

Willow Road to West Street Dual Carriageway – Drainage work is mainly being carried out in this section of the scheme. There are two drainage gangs installing large diameter pipes through this section. A road closure is now in operation to allow drainage work to cross under the side road between Kirkstall Road and Kirkstall Road Service Road, near Yorkshire Television (See Plan16 – August 2011). On the southern side of Kirkstall road, between Benfield Ford and Willow Road, footway refurbishment work began on the 8 August 2011. Large amounts of soil, recycled rubble, drainage pipes and kerbs are being stockpiled on the northern side of Kirkstall Road for construction of the new road and central reservations.

West Street (including Gyratory) – Work to existing footways is being carried out between Napoleon's Casino and the Ibis Hotel. A carriageway build out is also being constructed opposite Marlborough Street. Footway works are being concentrated in this area to allow a new Toucan crossing (combined pedestrian and cycle facility) to be complete by the end of August 2011.

## **Night works**

A65 Kirkstall Road - Willow Road Junction - Work to build new traffic islands will take place during August 2011. Overnight traffic management will involve banning right turns from Kirkstall Road, outbound, into Willow Road (see Plan 12 - July 2011) and Kirkstall Road, inbound, into Viaduct Road (See Plan 13 - July 2011). Traffic will be directed onto short diversions using nearby u-turn facilities. These works are carried out at night as the lane closures required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day.

A65 Kirkstall Road, near Woodside View – Tuesday 30 August 2011 to Thursday 1 September 2011 and Monday 5 September 2011 to Thursday 8 September 2011 – Work will take place over 7 nights, from 7pm until 11pm, to allow the safe construction of a new pedestrian crossing. The new crossing will have two new pedestrian islands and the lane closures required to build them would cause major traffic delays during the day. Traffic lights will be in operation during this period and all noisy activities associated with these works will be complete by 11pm (See Plan18 – August 2011). This work is dependent on good weather and may take longer to complete if the conditions are not favourable.

Night works, to be carried out by Carillion, started on the 16 June and will continue throughout the summer. These works are carried out at night as the lane closures required to do the works safely would cause major traffic delays during the day.

Further traffic management and closure 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.

## **News**

The new signalised pedestrian crossing, giving access to and from West Street Car Park, is now operational. A new signalised toucan (combined pedestrian/cycling) crossing at the end of Marlborough Street is scheduled to be operational by the end of August 2011.

A58 Inner Ring Road Woodhouse Tunnel Works - Leeds City Council is carrying out work to both entrance sections of Woodhouse Tunnel, the section of the ring-road which runs underneath Leeds University and Leeds General Infirmary. Variable message signs around the city, including the sign on the A65 Kirkstall Road at the Holiday Inn, are displaying information about these closures. Traffic diversions for the tunnel works are sending traffic through the A65 Kirkstall Road site but we have programmed our works so as not to clash with these diversions.

For further information on the A58 Inner Ring Road Tunnel Works please visit [www.leeds.gov.uk/woodhousetunnel](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/woodhousetunnel)