

A65 Kirkstall Road Quality Bus Initiative - Scheme Update 20 – December 2011 - *UPDATE*

Traffic Management

The City bound traffic management on the A65 carriageway, starting at the Northern Snooker Centre and ending at Abbey Street, will remain in place until February 2012. This is to allow the construction of the new kerb line around the Fire Station and to create the new road layout outside Yorkshire Television.

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 on Commercial Road, between Beecroft Street and Gilbert Mount, will remain in place until March 2012. 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.

Update Gilbert Mount is planned to be closed on the 15th, 16th, 19th and 20th of December 2011 between 07:00 and 17:00. During these times, local diversions will be in place (see Plan 3 Traffic Management - June 2010). The closure is to provide safe access for construction vehicles and for surfacing works to take place on the main carriageway.

Update Sacred Heart footpath will be closed from the 15th to 21st December. A pedestrian diversion route will be in place (see Plan 21 – Dec 2011). The closure is to allow the safe removal of existing steps and surfacing works to take place.

Day works

Beecroft Street to Woodside View – Drainage works are continuing throughout this section. On completion of the drainage works the new road and footway construction will begin. Work is expected to be completed in this area by the end of March 2012.

Willow Road Junction – Work is continuing to install a new traffic signal system and footway crossing facilities. These works should be complete before the end of January 2012. Further kerbing and footway works will be required in this area during 2012.

Willow Road to West Street Dual Carriageway – Construction of the new road and central reservations has commenced on the northern side of Kirkstall Road. Road surfacing has been placed in this area and the new road layout can be seen taking shape when travelling eastbound into Leeds and this section of the works should be open in February 2012. Studio Road has now re-opened to two-way traffic.

Night works

No overnight works are planned during December.

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

A new signalised pedestrian crossing, near the Fire Station, giving access across both carriageways will be operational from mid December 2011.

Landscaping works have been carried out adjacent to the new inbound carriageway from Willow Road to Studio Road.

The A65 works will be suspended over the Christmas period from Thursday 22nd December 2011 until Thursday 5th January 2012.

The A65 team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.