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Highways England

- Government Owned Company since April 15
- Operate, maintain and improve the trunk roads and motorways in England –Deliver RIS.
- Statutory consultee in planning process
- Funded in 5 year blocks- Roads Investment Strategy (RIS1 2015-20)
- RIS Informed by Route Strategies (RS)

West of England Route

- M5 J14-J21
- M4 J18-M48
- M48
- M49
- M32
- * junction gyratory generally not operated by HE

M5 J19



J19 Current Issues

- Designed in 60's delivered in 70's
- Unusual configuration
- Suffers from PM peak queuing on M5 mainline
- Late swooping
- Now at the limit of what is possible in peak hours

Recent Barriers to Progress

- Scheme not progressed under original Pinch point programme as limited growth argument.
- To develop a safety scheme you need to mitigate an accident profile.
- Under austerity and then transition to HE, funding for Economy schemes was not available.

Congestion Relief Funding

- New money now available for “congestion schemes” £2.8 million now for J19 in three phases.

Three phased approach for medium term solution

- Revisions to slip road signing and lining-completed June 17-Seems to be providing some improvement in terms of M5 queuing
- 2 removal of splitter on S/B off slip road, widening of gyratory to allow two full lanes to Portishead- Winter 2018
- 1 Potential widening on Wyndham Way to accommodate dynamic change on A369
- 3 Study to look at other options

* (1-2) subject to re-modelling, Value management and (1) approval by NSC -ongoing

Long Term Solution

- Clear that J19 reaching the limits of the current configuration.
- Needs strategic study to determine what is needed in the long term. Significant solution required.
- The route for this is Route Strategies Process and RIS2 funding

Route Strategies

- Inform ministers on potential options for RIS2
- RS informed by stakeholders in terms of the issues- J19 highlighted
- In the Research phase now
- Initial report end 2017-another consultation
- Ministers will make decisions on priorities 2018/19

THE END