Dear Sir/Madam,

**M5 Avonmouth Interchange Bridge Deck Refurbishment – January 2019**

Highways England operates, maintains and improves England’s motorways and major A roads. I am writing to let you know we will shortly be undertaking a programme of works on the M5 junction 18 at Avonmouth.

**The works**
The purpose of the scheme is the rehabilitation of the existing bridge deck at the M5 Avonmouth interchange, an important part of our road network in the South West. We are carrying out the works because routine inspections have identified that some elements of the bridge deck have reached their design life and need to be replaced.

The works will involve the replacement of the south concrete verge, waterproofing and surfacing on the westbound carriageway. The works will also involve the replacement of verge drainage gullies in the kerb line, expansion joint replacement and new white line and cat eyes replacement.

**When**
**Start date:** Saturday 5 January 2019  **End date:** Wednesday 27 February 2019

The scheme will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

**Traffic Management**
We will be working during the daytime, every day during the scheme, between the hours of 8am and 6pm. Night works will be carried out between the hours of 8pm and 6am.

Narrow lanes will be in place for the duration of the 8 week scheme, so that we can carry out the works safely.

We will also require some overnight full road closures of the M5 during the works, so that we can safely install and remove traffic management, install the bridge joint and carry out carriageway resurfacing. Full closure dates are currently programmed in as below: -

- Saturday 5 January 2019
- Friday 7 February 2019
- Wednesday 20 February 2019
- Tuesday 26 February 2019
- Wednesday 27 February 2019
During these closures, a fully signed diversion route will be in place. The route is shown on the map below.

Please note that whilst we always aim to work to the programme, unforeseen circumstances may mean slight changes to it. We will always aim to notify you of any major changes within the programme but please monitor www.trafficengland.com/ to keep up-to-date. We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption the work may cause you. We will of course make every effort to ensure that the impact on the local community is kept to the absolute minimum.

If you have any queries or comments about the works and would like further information, please contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or by email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Diversion route:

Traffic will be diverted via the M5 southbound, to junction 19, to re-join the M5 northbound and take the M5 exit slip road at junction 18.