

**THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14****THE M53 MOTORWAY (JUNCTIONS 5-4, NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS, SLIP ROADS AND JUNCTION 5 ROUNDABOUT) AND THE A41 TRUNK ROAD****(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M53 Motorway in the Borough of Wirral in Merseyside and the A41 Trunk Road in Cheshire West and Chester to enable resurfacing and associated works to be carried out in safety.

The effect of the Order will be to ban all traffic from the following slip roads:

- i. the entry slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5;
- ii. the exit slip road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5;
- iii. the exit slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5; and
- iv. the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5.

The effect of the Order will be to ban all traffic from a section of the northbound carriageway of the A41 Trunk Road from the centreline of the junction of the trunk road with the B5133 to the point where the centrepoint of the trunk road meets the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at Junction 5 of the M53 Motorway.

The effect of the Order will be to ban all traffic from the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at Junction 5 of the M53 Motorway.

The Order will allow the hardshoulder adjacent to a section of the northbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway from a point 200 metres south of first point where the Junction 5 entry slip road joins the carriageway to a point 350 metres north of the centreline of the Hargrave House Farm overbridge, to be used as a running lane. A 50 miles per hour speed restriction will be imposed on all traffic using the hardshoulder.

The Order will allow the hardshoulder adjacent to a section of the southbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway from a point 350 metres north of the centreline of the Hargrave House Farm overbridge to a point 350 metres north of the first point where the Junction 5 entry slip road joins the carriageway, to be used as a running lane. A 50 miles per hour speed restriction will be imposed on all traffic using the hardshoulder.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on a section of the northbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway from a point 402 metres

north of the first point where the Junction 7 entry slip road joins the carriageway to a point 750 metres north of the centreline of the Hargrave House Farm overbridge.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on a section of the southbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway from a point 1221 metres south of the first point where the Junction 4 entry slip road joins the carriageway to the last point where the Junction 6 exit slip road leaves the carriageway.

These prohibitions and restrictions are expected to be in force overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Tuesday 6 April 2010 and ending on Friday 7 May 2010. However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights, or continue until completed.

**Diversion Routes**

Traffic travelling southbound on the A41 wishing to travel on the northbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway will be directed to join the southbound carriageway from the Junction 5 roundabout and then exit at Junction 6 where traffic can enter the northbound carriageway.

Traffic travelling on the A5117 eastbound, the A41 northbound and the A540 northbound for the M53 will be directed as follows:

Traffic on the A5117 will continue on the A5117 to join the M53 Motorway at Junction 10. Traffic on the A41 and the A540 will join the A5117 and then also travel to Junction 10 to access the M53 Motorway.

Traffic travelling on the A41 northbound and wishing to continue northbound on the A41 will be directed to turn left at Hooton traffic signals onto the B5133 and then right onto the B5151 and travel to Junction 4 of the M53 Motorway. Traffic will then join the M53 and exit at Junction 5 for the A41.

Traffic travelling northbound on the M53 Motorway and wishing to leave at Junction 5 will be directed to continue northbound and exit at Junction 4. Traffic will then join the southbound carriageway and exit at Junction 5 where traffic can travel northbound or southbound on the A41.

Traffic travelling on the A41 northbound and southbound wishing to enter the southbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5 will be directed to enter the northbound carriageway and travel to Junction 4 where it will exit and join the southbound carriageway.

Traffic wishing to leave the southbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5 will be directed to continue to Junction 6 where it will exit and enter the northbound carriageway. Traffic will then return northbound to exit at Junction 5.

Traffic travelling on the A41 wishing to enter the northbound carriageway of the M53 Motorway at Junction 5 will be directed to join the southbound carriageway and travel to Junction 6 where it will exit and join the northbound carriageway.

The prohibitions and restrictions will not apply to vehicles being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue or ambulance services, and will only apply during such times and to such extent as will be indicated by traffic signs. The prohibitions will not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the works or by traffic officers. The Order comes into force on 5 April 2010 and has a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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