

THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14****THE A55 TRUNK ROAD (JUNCTIONS WITH A51, A483 AND A41 WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND ENTRY SLIP ROADS)****(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A55 Trunk Road in Cheshire West and Chester to enable parapet replacement work to the River Dee and Huntingdon Waterworks bridges to be carried out in safety.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on the following:

- (a) a section of the eastbound carriageway of the A55 Trunk Road from a point 1035 metres east of the last point where the Junction 36 entry slip road (Junction with the A483) joins the carriageway to a point 3735 metres east of the first point where the Junction 36 entry slip road joins the carriageway;
- (aii) a section of the westbound carriageway of the A55 Trunk Road from a point 1825 metres west of the first point where the Junction 37 entry slip road (Junction with the A41) joins the carriageway to a point 4825 metres west of the first point where the Junction 37 entry slip road joins the carriageway; and
- (aiii) the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the A55 Trunk Road from the A41/A5115.

Restrictions (ai), (aii) and (aiii) are expected to take place during a period starting at 2200 hours on Monday 8 February 2010 and ending at 0500 hours on Friday 2 April 2010. However, work may start and continue beyond these dates until completed.

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

- (bi) a section of the eastbound carriageway of the A55 Trunk Road from the last point where the A483 (Junction 36) exit slip road leaves the carriageway to the first point where the A51 entry slip road joins the carriageway;
- (bii) a section of the westbound carriageway of the A55 Trunk Road from the last point where the A51 (Junction 37) exit slip road leaves the carriageway to the first point where the A483 (Junction 36) entry slip road joins the carriageway;
- (biii) the eastbound entry slip road leading to the A55 Trunk Road from the A483;
- (biv) the westbound entry slip road leading to the A55 Trunk Road from the A51; and
- (bv) the westbound entry slip road leading to the A55 Trunk Road from the A41/A5115.

Prohibitions (bi), (bii), (biii), (biv) and (bv) are expected to take place over ten nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 8 February 2010 and ending on Friday 2 April 2010. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights, or continue until completed.

Alternative Routes

When the eastbound A55 between junctions with A483 and A51 is closed traffic will be diverted off and back onto the A55 westbound carriageway, then continue northbound on the A494, A550 and A5117 to M53 Junction 10, where traffic will be directed onto the southbound M53 and continue onto the A55 to its junction with the A51.

When the westbound A55 between junctions with A51 and A483 is closed traffic will be diverted off and back onto the eastbound carriageway then onto the northbound M53 to Junction 10 where it will be diverted off onto the westbound A5117, A550, A494 and onto the eastbound A55 to its junction with the A483.

When the eastbound A483 to A55 entry slip road is closed traffic will be diverted in the same manner as the A55 traffic diverted off the A55 at that junction.

When the westbound to A51 to A55 entry slip road is closed traffic will be diverted in the same manner as the A55 traffic diverted off the A55 at that junction.

When the westbound A41/A5115 to A55 entry slip road is closed traffic will be diverted onto the eastbound A41. At the next junction, traffic will turn right onto the A51 and join the A55 via the entry slip road at the junction of the A51/A55. Traffic will then proceed onto the northbound M53 to Junction 10 where it will be diverted off onto the westbound A5117, A550, A494 and onto the eastbound A55 to its junction with the A483.

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 vehicles being used in connection with the works or by traffic officers.

The Order comes in to force on 7 February 2010 and has a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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