

Telford Town Centre Box Road Scheme – phasing and details

This note provides detailed information on the Telford Town Centre Box Road scheme and will be updated and circulated on a regular basis. Up to date information will also be available on the Box Road website: www.telford.gov.uk/boxroad

The overall objective of the scheme is to introduce two way traffic to the Box Road, lower vehicular speeds and improve pedestrian and vehicle access to Telford Town Centre in preparation for the £450m investment into the Town Centre via the Southwater scheme and Sovereign Land's proposals.

Work is scheduled to commence from the 21st October and be completed in March 2015. The scheme will be implemented in 5 stages as set out below:

Stage 1

a) Forge Roundabout – Junction 5 M54 (work being carried out by Highways Agency)
Dates: 21st October 2013 to 31st March 2014

- Widening the approaches to the roundabout
- Widening the circulatory carriageway
- Introducing traffic signals to the approaches from both motorway exits and Hall Park Way only
- Resurfacing the roundabout
- The roundabout will not be closed during the works but there will be temporary traffic lights to enable safe movements through the works and therefore some delays should be expected
- It is expected the work will be complete before 31st March 2014

b) Malinslee Roundabout and St Quentin Gate Roundabout (near to new Multi-storey car park):
Dates: 28th October 2013 to January 2014

- Malinslee Roundabout - Introducing traffic signals on the approaches from West Centre Way, Hall Park Way and Southwater Way
- Malinslee Roundabout – new Toucan (cycle-friendly) crossings on Brunel Road and Southwater Way
- Malinslee Roundabout – resurfacing and new street lighting
- St Quentin Gate - construction of new roundabout
- St Quentin Gate - new Street Lighting
- The roundabouts will not be closed during the works but there will be temporary traffic lights to enable safe movements through the works and therefore some delays should be expected
- Brunel Road will be closed for two weeks to provide a new Toucan crossing, the diversion will via West Centre Way, Dawley Green Way, Park Road, Royal Way.

Stage 2

Malinsgate Roundabout to Forgegate Roundabout (Woodhouse Central)

Dates: January 2014 to May 2014

- Construction of new roundabouts at Malinsgate and Forgegate
- Woodhouse Central to become two-way
- Construction of 5m shared footway/ cycleway to the outer pavement
- Construction of 3m footway to the inner pavement
- Resurfacing of carriageway
- Construction of low level central reservation
- Infilling of underpass
- Construction of signal controlled at-grade pedestrian crossing
- New Street Lighting
- Provision of tree lined boulevard
- Woodhouse Central will remain open with some lane closures and temporary traffic signals to maintain safe movements through the works

Stage 3

Forgegate Roundabout to Hollinsgate Roundabout (Lawn Central)

Dates: May 2014 to September 2014

- Lawn Central to become two-way
- Construction of 5m shared footway/ cycleway to the outer pavement
- Construction of 3m footway to the inner pavement
- Resurfacing of carriageway
- Construction of low level central reservation
- Demolition of Lawn Central Footbridge. A new ramp and set of steps will be provided on the south side to maintain access to the shopping centre.
- Construction of traffic signal controlled at-grade pedestrian crossing
- New Street Lighting
- Provision of tree lined boulevard
- Lawn Central will remain open with some lane closures and temporary traffic signals to maintain safe movements through the works

Stage 4

Hollinsgate Roundabout to St Quentin Gate Roundabout (Grange Central)

Dates: September 2014 to December 2014

- Grange Central to become two-way for all traffic
- Construction of 5m shared footway/ cycleway to the outer pavement
- Construction of partial 3m footway to the inner pavement
- Resurfacing of carriageway
- Construction of low level central reservation

- Pedestrian crossings to be incorporated into the existing, refurbished traffic signal junction
- New Street Lighting
- Provision of tree lined boulevard
- Grange Central will remain open with some lane closures and temporary traffic signals to maintain safe movements through the works

Stage 5

Coach Central

Dates: December 2014 to March 2015

- Coach Central to become two-way for all traffic
- Construction of high quality paved shared space providing a link to the new Southwater development
- 20mph speed limit
- New Street Lighting
- Provision of tree lined boulevard
- Alterations to the existing traffic signal junction at Southwater/Telford International Centre/Cherry Pink car park exit to provide additional road space, increased capacity and better pedestrian facilities

The works will be opened to traffic as soon as each stage is complete. This means, for instance, that traffic will be able to travel both ways along Woodhouse Central while work is undertaken on Lawn Central, etc. Temporary safety measures will be put in place whilst road users become familiar with the new arrangement.

Information on the progress of the works, including Q & As and officer contact details will be posted and regularly updated on the Council's website at www.telford.gov.uk/boxroad

In addition, information open day sessions will be arranged for each stage where officers will be available to pass on information and answer questions.

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