

A9 Kessock Bridge – Essential Unplanned Bridge Joint Repairs

Date: 25th May 2011

Works start Sunday 19th June 2011 for 8 days

The works involve essential, unplanned, major repairs to the north expansion joint on both carriageways of the Kessock Bridge and remedial works to the bridge deck surfacing. The works, which are valued at £80,000, will be carried out by Scotland Transerv on behalf of Transport Scotland.

Both lanes of the northbound carriageway will be closed for the first three days to allow that support section of the expansion joint to be dismantled and reassembled. Both lanes of the southbound carriageway will be closed from Wednesday 23rd June 2011, until the evening of Sunday 26th June 2011, to similarly attend to that section of the south bound joint.

The works will start on Sunday 19th June 2011, for 8 days utilising a 24 hour contra flow working with a 30mph speed restriction. Given that the bridge has an average of 33,000 vehicles travelling on it per day it is expected that significant delays may occur at peak periods of traffic flow. Road users, whose journey is not time critical are asked to avoid the peak hours of 8am to 9am, southbound, and between 5pm and 6pm northbound. Vehicle numbers southbound start rising at 7.45am and falling after 9.15am. Northbound vehicle numbers start rising at 3.45 pm and falling about 6.15pm.

In order to reduce the impact of the works it is essential that the number of vehicles using that route at peak times is cut substantially. Scotland Transerv, on behalf of Transport Scotland, will be engaging with communities and businesses throughout the North of Scotland and encouraging amongst other things car sharing, use of public transport, home working and where practicable staggered working hours.

Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs which will be in place throughout the works. For real time journey planning information visit www.trafficscotland.org

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