



M42 motorway junctions 9 and 10 will be re-opened by 9pm 31 December 2021

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. Balfour Beatty VINCI is working in partnership with HS2 Ltd to build the new high speed railway in your area.

M42 Motorway is due to be re-opened for road users

We have successfully completed works and expect National Highways to officially re-open the M42 Motorway in both directions between junctions 9 (Dunton Interchange) and junction 10 (Tamworth Interchange) by 9pm on 31 December 2021.

During the week, a huge amount of work took place including removing the existing surface of the motorway where the bridge will be located, removing redundant drainage, installing and connecting new drainage, creating foundations and improving the stability of the ground to support the weight of the bridge

Plans are now underway to construct the Marston Box bridge structure on land on the side of the motorway over the next twelve months which we will slide (box jack) into place on a hi-tech platform towards the end of 2022.

We thank you for your patience during the closure.

For more information on these works please visit:
www.hs2.org.uk/marston-box

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

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Marston Box bridge

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The Marston Box

Marston Box is the bridge that will carry the HS2 line across the M42 motorway near junction 9, north of Lea Marston and Curdworth in North Warwickshire. Marston Box will connect to Dunton Wood Embankment to the south and the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal Viaduct, which crosses the canal, to the north. The structure will be approximately 190 metres in length, of which approximately 82 metres will be made up by Marston Box.

Improving safety and reducing impact on road users

The original HS2 Environmental Statement (ES) scheme design required the bridge to be constructed 'in situ' on a live motorway over a 20-month period. This option would require three months of total overnight closures, narrow lanes and a reduced speed limit of 50mph to complete the works. These lengthy closure periods would require a defined diversion route to be active for a three month period increasing traffic volumes, congestion and delays on the local road network.

We have reviewed and developed the original design, focussing on reducing the impact on road users and improving safety for our workforce. This has resulted in a fundamental change to the construction method with the box structure now to be constructed to the side of the motorway and then pushed into place using a 'box jacking' technique, rather than being constructed in place.

Design and construction benefits

A range of benefits will be achieved through the current design and construction method:

- Using the 'box jacking' technique to build the box structure means installation over the motorway can be carried out during two seven-day closures. Building it in place would have required 18 months of traffic disruption.
- A reduction in night time disruption for local residents as the new construction period will avoid the need for prolonged periods of night working.
- The updated Box Structure design is smaller in size and will therefore have a reduced visual impact.
- The carbon footprint for this structure will be reduced through less use of materials, particularly concrete, and concrete piles.
- A reduced impact on the flow of groundwater following a change to the foundations for the Box Structure.

The M42 Marston Box will be moved into position during a second short-term temporary closure planned in winter 2022.



Proposed view of the M42 Marston Box structure, looking south west along the M42.

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About our Community and Business Funds

We are offering two funds that are available to local communities and businesses between the West Midlands and London, to help with the disruption caused by our construction work. These are the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF).

The CEF is designed to give communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of HS2. It is an allocated fund that communities are able to apply for, to help to support local projects that aim to improve their local area.

The BLEF is designed to support local economies that may be disrupted by the construction of HS2. BLEF grants are for local business support organisations and local authorities to help maintain business activity in local communities.

For more information about each of these funds, including how to apply, please visit: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



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We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. Find reports at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

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Find out if you're eligible for compensation at: www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

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