

TRAVEL ALTERNATIVES

We will be trying our best to keep disruption to a minimum during the construction period. However with a job of this size on a road carrying over 65,000 vehicles per day, some disruption is inevitable. Here are some of the things that will help, for the benefit of everyone. Motorists should consider switching to public transport during the scheme or use alternative travel options. For information on Public Transport services go to www.translink.co.uk



To reduce the congestion on the M1/Westlink and assist the travelling public, Roads Service is planning to introduce Park & Ride facilities at Black's Road and Sprucefield for the duration of the scheme. The public should consider car sharing which can be facilitated through the Travelwise NI Car Share scheme. Register for this free service through www.travelwisenicarshare.com

SIGNED ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR DESTINATIONS BEYOND BELFAST



COMMUNICATION

During the scheme the public will be kept informed of roadworks, delays and alternative routes, and a traffic information service will be provided which will have up-to-date information. Telephone **08457123321**.

Information will also be provided through the local press, radio, television and the Roads Service travel website www.trafficwatchni.com

The public can receive an e-mail alert of significant traffic events on the M1/Westlink and the surrounding road network during construction. Register for this free service through www.roadsni.gov.uk/westlinktrafficalert

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- 2 traffic lanes will be maintained in each direction through the works from 6am-10pm Monday to Saturday and 11am-10pm on Sundays.
- These lanes may be narrower than normal and subject to a reduced speed limit.
- Sections of the M1/Westlink and connecting roads will be closed on occasions to allow certain works to be undertaken safely.
- Closures will generally be at night or at weekends when traffic flows are lighter.
- Signs advising of road closures will be displayed on site one week in advance of each closure.
- The contractor will be charged for lane and road closures.
- Signed alternative routes will be available for traffic with destinations beyond Belfast. (see plan)

BREAKDOWN RECOVERY

A vehicle recovery service will operate throughout the works. Immobile vehicles will be towed clear of the works free of charge.

SUMMARY

On completion of the M1/Westlink Improvements road users will be able to travel freely along the Westlink in both directions between York Street and the M1 Motorway, without having to stop at any junctions. This will reduce the current congestion experienced on the Westlink and provide considerable improvements in journey times.

For further information on the contract contact the Strategic Road Improvement Team on **02890253000**.

M1 / WESTLINK IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC INFORMATION LEAFLET



Artist's Impression of Proposed Underpass at Broadway

INTRODUCTION

We are improving the M1/Westlink, which is the strategic route that connects the M1 to the M2 and M3 Motorways within Belfast. It also provides access to Belfast City Centre, the Port of Belfast and Belfast City Airport.

This leaflet has been produced by Roads Service to give you information on the major improvement works proposed for the M1/Westlink. Construction will be starting early in 2006 and is expected to take approximately 3 years to complete.

OVERVIEW OF THE SCHEME

STOCKMAN'S LANE



DURING CONSTRUCTION

- traffic signals will be installed at the roundabout to improve the operating capacity;
- two lanes of traffic will be maintained along the M1

ON COMPLETION THE JUNCTION WILL HAVE

- new bridges to provide 3 traffic lanes in both directions on the M1;
- on / off slips in both directions (as existing);
- an improved roundabout layout with traffic signals.

BROADWAY



DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Broadway roundabout will remain a signalised junction with varying layouts to maintain the flow of traffic;
- two lanes of traffic in each direction and a dedicated bus lane will be maintained on the M1/Westlink;
- full access will be maintained at Broadway between the M1/Westlink and the local road network.

ON COMPLETION THE JUNCTION WILL HAVE

- a dual 3 lane underpass connecting the M1 to Westlink;
- a new roundabout to maintain the existing links with the local road network and on/off slips to the M1/Westlink in both directions.

GROSVENOR ROAD

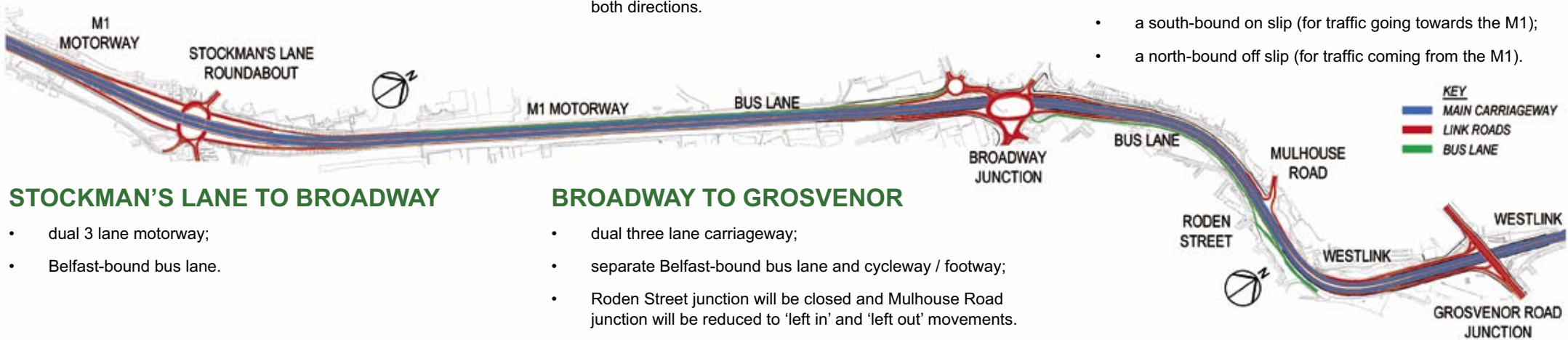


DURING CONSTRUCTION

- a temporary road bridge will be constructed to the south of the junction to carry Grosvenor Road over Westlink;
- two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction along Westlink;
- vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained along Grosvenor Road but there will be no vehicle connections between these roads.

ON COMPLETION THE JUNCTION WILL HAVE

- a dual 3 lane underpass;
- a new bridge carrying Grosvenor Road over Westlink;
- a south-bound on slip (for traffic going towards the M1);
- a north-bound off slip (for traffic coming from the M1).



STOCKMAN'S LANE TO BROADWAY

- dual 3 lane motorway;
- Belfast-bound bus lane.

BROADWAY TO GROSVENOR

- dual three lane carriageway;
- separate Belfast-bound bus lane and cycleway / footway;
- Roden Street junction will be closed and Mulhouse Road junction will be reduced to 'left in' and 'left out' movements.