



Dear Stakeholder

We are writing to update you on the Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension (CPME).

The CPME is a £57million investment to reduce congestion and improve journey times for all road users in your area by providing a new quick, reliable public transport system. It will provide a direct route between Bristol Parkway railway station, Stoke Gifford, the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood, The Mall shopping centre and will link with the wider metrobus network.

The scheme will also deliver improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians, making it easier and safer to travel by foot or by bike.

CPME is funded by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and by the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership through the Local Growth Fund.

### **Gipsy Patch Lane bridge replacement**

We recently wrote to you with an update on the bridge replacement work on Gipsy Patch Lane, which is part of the CPME.

The bridge move was due to take place over the Easter period but because of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and government guidance concerning social distancing Network Rail postponed the work along with a number of other schemes across the wider rail network.

Since this time Network Rail has continued to work hard behind the scenes with its stakeholders, contractor and supply chain to identify a new date when the railway bridge can be manoeuvred into position.

The bridge move on Gipsy Patch Lane will now take place between **Saturday 24 October and the early hours of Saturday 7 November 2020** and will take approximately 13 days to complete.

Gipsy Patch Lane and the junction with Station Road need to remain closed until after the bridge move is complete and the road beneath the bridge has been lowered. The road and junction are expected to remain closed to vehicles until approximately July 2021.

More information on this element of the project can be found on our webpage [www.southglos.gov.uk/cpmetrobus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/cpmetrobus).

We explained at the time that the new dates for the bridge move and the Gipsy Patch Lane road closure would have implications for the wider CPME project and we are now able to share with you a new construction timetable for the other phases of the project.

### **Wider CPME programme**

Below is an approximate timeline for the remaining phases of the CPME project:

- San Andreas roundabout – **January 2020 to March 2021**
- Hatchet Road bus stops work – **August to December 2020**
- Gipsy Patch Lane bridge replacement – **October/November 2020**
- Gipsy Patch Lane road lowering works at bridge – **November 2020 to July 2021**
- Gipsy Patch Lane road widening construction works (west of bridge) – **August 2021 to April 2022**
- Gipsy Patch Lane road widening construction works (east of bridge) – **October 2021 to December 2022**
- Construction complete – **Early 2023**

These dates may be subject to further change and we will continue to keep the community up to date.

We will share more information on these phases closer to the work taking place. This will include details of the traffic management measures needed.

### **Highway improvement work**

South Gloucestershire Council is investing £174million over four years to reduce congestion and emissions, improve cycling and pedestrian routes, facilitate faster bus journeys and future proof our road network.

Highway improvement schemes are planned across the district and the aim of this ambitious programme of work is to get our road network ready for major new housing and business developments in the area, as well as making sustainable travel options a more attractive choice so that we can keep people moving now and in years to come.

### **Further information**

For updates on the CPME project please like and follow our Facebook group [www.facebook.com/sgloscpme](https://www.facebook.com/sgloscpme) and keep an eye on our webpage [www.southglos.gov.uk/cpmetrobus](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/cpmetrobus) where any updates will be posted. We would also encourage you to sign up to our newsletter, which you can do by visiting our webpage.

If you have any questions on the construction work currently taking place on Gipsy Patch Lane, please call the Network Rail 24-hour helpline on **03457 11 41 41**. If you have questions regarding the wider CPME project please email [CPmetrobus@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:CPmetrobus@southglos.gov.uk).

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding and apologise for any inconvenience caused to you by the ongoing work.

Yours faithfully

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