Road resurfacing on A702 will take place from Thursday

The planned resurfacing of the A702 at Silverburn in Midlothian will begin this evening 1 October 2020.

BEAR Scotland plan to create a smoother surface along a 1.2km stretch of the road and this will affect the road for an estimated two weeks with overnight weekday closures and 24 hour weekend closures.

To allow these works to be completed safely and efficiently, the A702 at Silverburn will be closed in both directions at the following times:

- From 19:30 until 06:30 on the night of Thursday 1 October
- From 19:30 on the evening of Friday 9 October until 06:30 on the morning of Monday 12 October
- From 19:30 until 06:30 on the nights of Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 October

A diversion route will be signposted between Nine Mile Burn and Easter Howgate via the A766, A701, and Bush Loan Road, adding an estimated 7 minutes and 1.8 miles to journeys.

The A702 will remain open in both directions outwith these closures, however a 30mph speed limit will be in place as road users will be travelling over a temporary surface.

Emergency services will be given access through the works at all times and local access for residents within the closure points will be maintained when it is safe to pass through the work area.

Tommy Deans, BEAR Scotland's South East Network Manager, said: "These surfacing improvements will help to address the defects on this section of the A702 and will greatly improve the experience for motorists.

"It is essential that we close the road during these works to ensure the safety of road workers and motorists, however we've arranged for the project to take place overnight and at weekends to minimise the impact.

"We thank motorists and the local community in advance for their patience and understanding. We'll do all we can to complete the work as quickly and safely as possible."

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