A720 Edinburgh city bypass overnight maintenance next weekend

A five-week programme of overnight maintenance on the A720 Edinburgh City Centre Bypass is set to begin on Sunday 11 July 2021. The work, which will be carried out in 16 phases, will mean overnight closures of different parts of the bypass during each phase.

Maintenance closures aim to tidy up carriages and roadsides, reducing the longer term need for traffic management and hopefully resulting in less disruption on the City Bypass overall.

Transport Scotland's operating company BEAR Scotland will carry out activities such as litter picking, gully emptying, catch-pit cleaning, weed spraying, road sweeping, pothole patching and repairs to signs and safety fences. This is alongside inspections of carriageways and structures.

Overnight closures will be in place on the dates and locations listed below, from 9.00pm to 6.30am each night. Diversion routes will be signposted where indicated:

Start	End	Location	Duration	Traffic mgt	Diversion route (if applicable)
11-Jul	12-Jul	Gogar to Hermiston on-slip eastbound	1 Night	Total closure	Gogar Rbt – South Gyle – A71 Calder Jct to South Gyle – Calder Jct
12-Jul	13-Jul	Calder to Gogar Link Road westbound	1 Night	Total closure	Divert via Dreghorn and return
13-Jul	14-Jul	Gogar to Calder Link Road eastbound (including nearside lane closure up to Calder)	1 Night	Total closure	Divert via Hermiston Gait Roundabout
14-Jul	16-Jul	Hermiston to Dreghorn eastbound	2 of 3 nights	Total closure	Calder Jct – A71 Calder Rd – B701 Wester Hailes Rd – B701 Gillespie Rd – B701 Redford Rd – Dreghorn Link – Dreghorn Jct

18-Jul	19-Jul	Hermiston to Dreghorn eastbound	3 of 3 nights	Total closure	Calder Jct — A71 Calder Rd — B701 Wester Hailes Rd — B701 Gillespie Rd — B701 Redford Rd — Dreghorn Link — Dreghorn Jct
19-Jul	20-Jul	Dreghorn to Lothianburn on-slip eastbound	1 night	Total closure	Dreghorn Jct — Dreghorn Link — B701 Hunters Tryst — A702 — Lothianburn Jct
20-Jul	21-Jul	Lothianburn to Straiton on-slip eastbound	1 night	Total closure	Lothianburn Jct — A702 — B701 Frogston Road — A701 Burdiehouse Rd — Straiton Jct

21-Jul	23-Jul	Straiton to Sheriffhall Roundabout eastbound	2 nights	Total closure	Straiton Jct — Lang Loan — Lasswade Rd — Gilmerton Station Road — A772 — A7 — Sheriffhall Rbt
25-Jul	27-Jul	Sheriffhall Roundabout to Old Craighall eastbound	2 nights	Total closure	Sheriffhall Rbt — A7 — B6415 Old Craighall Rd — Old Craighall Rbt
27-Jul	29-Jul	Old Craighall to Sherrifhall Roundabout westbound	2 nights	Total closure	Old Craighall Rbt — B6415 Old Craighall Rd — A7 — Sheriffhall Rbt
29-Jul	30-Jul	Sherrifhall Roundabout to Straiton westbound	1 of 3 nights	Total closure	Sherifhall Rbt — A7 — A772 — Gilmerton Station RD — Lasswade Rd — Lang Loan — Straiton Jct

01-Aug	03-Aug	Sherrifhall Roundabout to Straiton westbound	2 of 3 nights	Total closure	Sherifhall Rbt — A7 — A772 — Gilmerton Station RD — Lasswade Rd — Lang Loan — Straiton Jct
03-Aug	05-Aug	Straiton on-slip to Lothianburn on-slip westbound	2 nights	Total closure	Straiton Jct — A701 Burdiehouse Rd — B701 Frogston Rd — A702 — Lothianburn Jct
05-Aug	06-Aug	Lothianburn on-slip to Dreghorn westbound	1 night	Total closure	Lothianburn Jct — A702 — B701 Hunter Tryst — Dreghorn Link — Dreghorn Jct
08-Aug	11-Jan	Dreghorn to Gogar westbound	3 Nights	Total closure	Dreghorn Jct — Dreghorn Link — B701 Redford Rd — B701 Gillespie Rd — B701 Wester Hailes Rd — A71 Calder Rd — Calder Jct

12-Aug	13-Aug	Old Craighall Roundabout	1 night	Alternative lane closure	n/a

Consultation has been carried out with emergency services and other relevant stakeholders to share information about the project in advance.

Tommy Deans, BEAR Scotland's South East Network Manager, said: "It's essential for safety that we close the carriageway while these works are carried out, however we'll be taking advantage of the closures to carry out as many routine maintenance tasks as possible at once."

The closures will take place overnight to avoid road disruption as much as possible. If you are planning to use the bypass at night over the next few weeks, BEAR Scotland advises to check which restrictions will be in place and allow extra time for journeys.

"We thank road users and the local community for their patience and understanding," says Tommy Deans.

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