

Overnight roadworks on the City Bypass begin on Monday

A five-week programme of overnight maintenance on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass is scheduled to begin on Monday 17 April 2023.

The work will be carried out in 16 phases, with overnight closures on a different section of the bypass in each phase.

Transport Scotland's operating company BEAR Scotland will use these closures to carry out a variety of routine maintenance tasks and to tidy up the carriageways and roadsides, reducing the longer-term need for traffic management on the bypass and resulting in less disruption overall.

Works to be carried out during these closures include litter picking, gully emptying, catchpit cleaning, weed spraying, road sweeping, pothole patching as well as repairs to signs and safety fences. The closures will also allow for inspections of structures and the carriageway.

Overnight closures will be in place on the dates and locations listed below, from 8.00pm until 5.30am each night.

Diversion routes will be signposted where indicated:

Start	End	Location	Duration	Traffic mgt	Diversion route (if applicable)
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17-Apr	18-Apr	Gogar to Hermiston on slip Eastbound	1 night	Total closure	Gogar Rbt – South Gyle – A71 Calder Jct to South Gyle – Calder Jct
18-Apr	19-Apr	Calder to Gogar Link Road	1 night	Total closure	Divert via Dreghorn and return
19-Apr	20-Apr	Gogar to Calder Link Road (including near side lane closure up to Calder)	1 night	Total closure	Divert via Hermiston Gait Roundabout
20-Apr	22-Apr	Hermiston to Dreghorn Eastbound	2 nights	Total closure	Calder Jct – A71 Calder Rd – B701 Wester Hailes Rd – B701 Gillespie Rd – B701 Redford Rd – Dreghorn Link – Dreghorn Jct

24-Apr	25-Apr	Hermiston to Dreghorn Eastbound	1 night	Total closure	Calder Jct – A71 Calder Rd – B701 Wester Hailes Rd – B701 Gillespie Rd – B701 Redford Rd – Dreghorn Link – Dreghorn Jct
25-Apr	26-Apr	Dreghorn to Lothianburn on slip Eastbound	1 night	Total closure	Dreghorn Jct – Dreghorn Link – B701 Hunters Tryst – A702 – Lothianburn Jct
26-Apr	27-Apr	Lothianburn to Straiton on slip Eastbound	1 night	Total closure	Lothianburn Jct – A702 – B701 Frogston Road – A701 Burdiehouse Rd – Straiton Jct
27-Apr	01-May	Straiton to Sheriffhall Rbt Eastbound	3 nights	Total closure	Straiton Jct – Lang Loan – Lasswade Rd – Gilmerton Station Road – A772 – A7 – Sheriffhall Rbt

01-May	03-May	Sheriffhall to Old Craighall Eastbound	2 nights	Total closure	Sheriffhall Rbt – A7 – B6415 Old Craighall Rd – Old Craighall Rbt
03-May	04-May	Old Craighall Roundabout	1 night	Alternative lane closure	n/a
04-May	06-May	Old Craighall to Sherrifhall Rbt Westbound	2 nights	Total closure	Old Craighall Rbt – B6415 Old Craighall Rd – A7 – Sheriffhall Rbt
08-May	09-May	Sheriffhall Roundabout	1 night	Alternative lane closure	n/a
09-May	12-May	Sherrifhall Rbt to Straiton Westbound	3 nights	Total closure	Sheriffhall Rbt – A7 – A772 – Gilmerton Station RD – Lasswade Rd – Lang Loan – Straiton Jct
12-May	13-May	Straiton on-slip to Lothianburn on-slip Westbound	1 night	Total closure	Straiton Jct – A701 Burdiehouse Rd – B701 Frogston Rd – A702 – Lothianburn Jct

15-May	16-May	Lothianburn on slip to Dreghorn Westbound	1 night	Total closure	Lothianburn Jct – A702 – B701 Hunter Tryst – Dreghorn Link – Dreghorn Jct
16-May	19-May	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

BEAR have been in contact 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 is 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.

“We’ve also split the works into phases so that only the minimum length of carriageway has to be closed on any given night.

“If you are planning to use the bypass at night over the next few weeks, our advice is to check what restrictions will be in place and allow extra time for your journey if necessary.

“We thank road users and the local community for their patience and understanding.”