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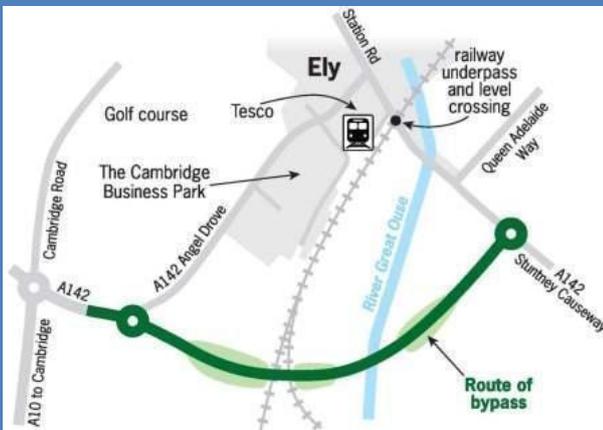
ELY SOUTHERN BYPASS

Newsletter 09 – In partnership with  **VolkerFitzpatrick**

Cambridgeshire County Council has contracted VolkerFitzpatrick to undertake the A142 Ely Southern Bypass Scheme that will reduce congestion, caused by the existing railway level crossing.

With this newsletter we aim to show how the project is progressing and what work is being planned before the bypass opens at the end of October.

Work on the roundabouts is now finished and traffic is using the roundabouts in a “through” direction only. Signs are still to be installed but this will be carried out during off-peak hours with little impact on traffic.



Ely Southern Bypass map



The new roundabout on Angel Drive

The kerbs have been installed between the east and west embankments and there is now asphalt covering the full length of the new carriageway. The remaining work on the bypass includes completing the surfacing, the safety barriers, the joints on the viaduct and road markings.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

The final work to construct the carriageway on top of the two bridges and embankments is being carried out and the project is on the home straight to completion.

The team has overcome a number of challenges in the past two months but we are on track and the bypass will be open to traffic on Wednesday 31 October.



Picture right: surfacing work on the viaduct

Work to build the new walkway will continue until late November. The steel that hangs off the viaduct structure has been installed from the east side over the river to the central viewing platform. The steel to the west ramp will start shortly while the timber cladding and mesh fencing work to the walkway continues.



View of the walkway structure on the side of the viaduct

WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING NEXT?

- Completion of carriageway surfacing
- Completion of safety barrier
- Construction of bridge expansion joints
- White lining
- Final signs being erected
- Walkway installation

MACMILLAN CHARITY WALK

The Walk the Bridge event organised by the Ely branch of Macmillan Cancer Support will take place on Sunday 14 October between 9am and 12noon. No need to register, just drop by and preview the new road.

Parking will be available on Ely Kings School playing field near the level crossing and shuttle buses will take you to the start of the walk. For more details, contact the organiser on 01638 721526.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Please note that whilst the bypass is starting to look finished, some work is still required on the carriageway. For this reason, access to the bypass

will remain closed at both roundabouts until the road is complete and safe to use.

Temporary speed limits are in place to protect our workforce and for the safety of the public on the highway. There will be short periods during which temporary traffic lights will be in place on the A142 Stuntney Causeway and Angel Drove. These will only operate between 9:30am and 3:30pm to avoid disruption during peak hours. Your patience when driving through the works is appreciated.

UNDERPASS WORK

Once the bypass has opened, work on the existing underpass at the low bridge will begin, to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists. The new bypass needs to be open before work can start on the underpass and this will encourage drivers to use the new road from the outset.

The underpass work will be carried out under a 24/7 road closure, with access for cyclists and pedestrians maintained at all times. Further details about this work will be announced shortly.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the construction of this project, please call:

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or visit the Cambridgeshire County Council website:

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