

## **Workington Temporary Road Bridge**

**Q: When will the Workington's temporary road bridge be open?**

A: Workington's temporary road bridge was opened to traffic, cyclists and pedestrians on Wednesday 21 April. This was five weeks ahead of schedule.

The construction process took only 72 days and is believed to be one of the fastest temporary road bridge builds of this size ever in the UK.

**Q: What sort of bridge is it?**

A: It is a two-lane, 350 tonne temporary road bridge (Janson bridge) suitable to take vehicles including HGV's up to a gross vehicle weight of 44 tonnes and has a separate footway for pedestrians and cyclists. It is 67 metres long and 12 metres wide.

**Q: Will HGV's be able to use the bridge?**

A: Yes, HGVs with up to a gross vehicle weight of 44 tonnes will be able to use the bridge. This is important for local businesses who need freight to be able to travel to and from the area easily and economically.

**Q: Where is the temporary road bridge being constructed**

A: It has been built around 200 metres east (upstream) of the collapsed Northside bridge.

**Q: Who is building the bridge?**

A: Morgan Est has been building the bridge. Up to 35 workers have been on site building the bridge and approach roads, seven days a week.

**Q: How will the temporary bridge affect traffic flows?**

A: As we will only have one temporary crossing there will inevitably be some congestion and traffic queues, particularly at peak times. We are putting into place a number of new traffic management plans to help Keep Workington Moving.

We are also asking people to consider how they travel and to use a variety of travel options, including public transport, school transport, walking, cycling as well as using the road bridge.

**Q: How long will the temporary road bridge be in place?**

A: We believe a realistic timescale for a new permanent road bridge to be in place is 2 years – the temporary road bridge will need to be in operation until a permanent bridge is open.

## **Permanent solutions for Workington**

**Q: When will a decision be made about the replacement for Northside Bridge**

A: We are currently examining and determining the options for Northside Bridge. We hope to have more detailed information next month.

**Q: Has the decision been made if Workington (Calva) Bridge will be repaired or demolished?**

A: Workington (Calva) Bridge is a Grade II listed structure. We have now finished our examination which has been analysed by a range of structural experts. It is most likely that we will be repairing the bridge, however, we are still going through the final approval stage.

**Q: Who is are involved in the final approvals for Workington (Calva) Bridge?**

A: Cumbria County Council and Connect Roads

**Q: Do we have a date for the final approvals?**

A: People in Workington are being invited to a drop-in session at Workington's Carnegie Theatre on May 18 regarding plans for the future of the bridge. The session will be open to the members of the public from 12noon until 7.30pm.

**Q: Will the findings of the examination of Workington (Calva) Bridge including the programme and the method of the repair be explained to the community and the press?**

A: Yes, it is our intention to hold an exhibition for the community and a briefing to journalists. See above.

## **Navvies Footbridge / Barker Crossing - Temporary footbridge**

**Q: How long will Barker Crossing remain in place?**

A: We are planning for Barker Crossing to be in place until Navvies footbridge re-opens. We expect this to be by the end of December 2010.

**Q: When will you be starting work on replacing Navvies footbridge?**

A: We are currently progressing with designs and we will then have to go through a procurement process, so we cannot confirm when work will start at the moment. However, we are targeting the end of December 2010 for the bridge to be open.

**Q: Will there still be public transport available to take me to and from Barker Crossing once the temporary road bridge opens?**

A: The 100 travels from Northside and Seaton to a bus stop on Northside Road approximately every 30 minutes in the daytime. You will need to walk from the bus stop to the footbridge. We will be keeping this service under review.

There are a number of buses that will **no longer** go to Barker Crossing the day after the temporary road bridge opens:

- Service 101 (Southside)
- Service 30/31 (Northside)
- Service 300 (Northside)

### **Q: Can taxis drop me off at the footbridge?**

A: Taxis can currently drop people off at the footbridge (north and south side) at the following times:

Monday	7pm	until	Tuesday	7am
Tuesday	7pm	until	Wednesday	7am
Wednesday	7pm	until	Thursday	7am
Thursday	7pm	until	Friday	7am
Friday	7pm	until	Saturday	7am
Saturday	7pm	until	Sunday	10am
Sunday	5pm	until	Monday	7am

We are not permitting taxis to drop people off at the footbridge outside these times as bus services do this and there is limited space on approach roads. We will however be reviewing this once the temporary road bridge opens.

## **Public transport**

### **Q: Changes to buses now the temporary road bridge in Workington is opened and when will these changes be effective from?**

A: There will be a number of changes once the temporary road bridge opens:

#### 30/31 Maryport – Workington – Whitehaven – Thornhill/Frizington

A through service will be resumed operating to a timetable and frequency similar to that provided prior to last November

*Effective from: Thursday 22 April 2010*

#### 35 Workington – Seaton – Great Broughton - Cockermouth

A through service will be resumed to the timetable and frequency provided prior to last November

*Effective from: Wednesday 21 April 2010*

#### 46 Workington - Salterbeck

The daytime service will be unchanged although there will be minor timetable changes to the evening and Sunday service.

*Effective from: Wednesday 21 April 2010*

### 47 Workington – Seaton

A 20 minute frequency service will be re-introduced, but there will be minor timetable changes to the evening and Sunday service and there will be changes to the route of the service:

It will run into and out of town via Station Road not Jane Street, and due to the one way traffic order on Northside Road will return from Seaton via Lowca Lane, Siddick and Dunmail Park. Passengers from Calva Brow/Seaton Road wishing to travel into town will have to travel via Seaton.

*Effective from: Wednesday 21 April 2010*

### 48 Workington - Northside

A service will resumed to a timetable similar to that provided prior to last November

*Effective from: Wednesday 21 April 2010*

### 50 Workington – Moorclose – Derwent Howe

Due to a new one way on Haverlock Road, the Service 50 will no longer run from Derwent Drive to the Viaduct. It will however continue to serve Derwent Howe and will run into town via Bessemer Way. There will also be some minor timetable changes to the evening and Sunday service

*Effective from: Wednesday 21 April 2010*

### 300/1 Carlisle – Maryport - Workington - Whitehaven

A through service will be resumed operating to a timetable and frequency similar to that provided prior to last November

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### **Q: How long will the free rail service last?**

A: The rail service between Workington, Workington North, Flimby and Maryport will remain free until it ends on 28 May 2010.

### **Q: What are the changes to bus services now that Cockermouth Main Street, Cocker Bridge and Ouse bridge are now open?**

Now that Cockermouth Main Street and Cocker Bridge are open, bus services now stop on Main Street, from the temporary stop on Gallowbarrow, and again serve St Helens Street and Castlegate Drive in Cockermouth.

With Ouse bridge now open, the Service X4 operating between Cockermouth and Keswick, Bassenthwaite, returns its operation via the A591 East of the Bassenthwaite.

### **Q: Where can I get more information on public transport?**

A: For information on buses go to:

- Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or [traveline.info](http://traveline.info)

For information on trains, go to:

- National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)

### **Road Bridges – general**

*Please note that timescales mentioned below are for when bridges are expected to be fully re-opened for public use.*

#### **Q: How many bridges have you opened?**

A: We have now opened 13 bridges . Seven bridges remain closed – four of these have collapsed – either totally or partially – and three require repair.

- Northside bridge (Allerdale) - collapsed
- Workington (Calva) bridge (Allerdale) – partially collapsed
- Low Lorton bridge (Allerdale) - collapsed
- Little Braithwaite bridge (Allerdale) - collapsed
- Scarness bridge (Allerdale)
- Bouthray bridge (South Lakeland)
- Backbarrow Bridge (South Lakeland)

*Please see questions below about when we anticipate opening these bridges.*

#### **Q: Which bridges have you recently opened?**

- Stair Bridge (nr Keswick, Allerdale)– opened 13 February 2010
- Southwaite Bridge (Allerdale) – opened 14 February 2010
- Broughton Bridge (Broughton, Allerdale) – opened 15 March 2010
- Cocker Bridge (Cockermouth, Allerdale) – opened 24 March 2010
- Derwent (Gote) Bridge (Cockermouth, Allerdale) – opened 24 March 2010
- Isel Bridge (Isel, Allerdale) – opened 26 March 2010
- Ouse Bridge (Bassenthwaite, Allerdale) – opened 26 March 2010

#### **Q: When will the following bridges be open/replaced?**

##### **Low Lorton Bridge (Allerdale?)**

A: We are currently consulting with statutory bodies and are initiating preliminary designs for replacement. Replacement work for the bridge does require planning permission (which has now been applied for) and the timescales shown are dependent on planning permission being granted.

*Estimate cost: £500k*

*Timescale: 31 October 2010*

##### **Little Braithwaite Bridge (Allerdale?)**

A: We are currently consulting with statutory bodies and are initiating preliminary designs for replacement and estimate costs have been revised accordingly. Replacement work for the bridge does require planning permission (which has now been applied for) and the timescales shown are dependent on planning permission being granted.

*Estimate cost: £200k*

*Timescale: 31 October 2010*

**Scarness Bridge, Bassenthwaite (Allerdale)?**

A: There has been significant damage to the bridge parapets and culvert structure at this site. We are currently determining a repair schedule and aim to have specific timescales shortly.

*Estimate cost:* to be confirmed    *Timescale:* 31 July 2010

**Boutray Bridge (South Lakeland)?**

A: Boutray Bridge requires significant repair/replacement before it can be re-opened. We are currently consulting with statutory bodies and are initiating preliminary designs for replacement and estimate costs have been revised accordingly. Replacement work for the bridge does require planning permission and the timescales shown are dependent on planning permission being granted.

*Estimate cost:* £400k                      *Timescale:* 31 October 2010

**Backbarrow Bridge (South Lakeland)?**

A: This bridge has been fully inspected and will remain closed until we can undertake the necessary repairs to the parapet and re-pointing works. We are currently determining a repair schedule and aim to have specific timescales shortly.

*Estimate cost:* to be confirmed    *Timescale:* 31 July 2010

**Broughton Bridge (Allerdale) to two-way traffic?**

A. Broughton Bridge was re-opened Two-Way at Midday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Information**

**Q: Where can I find out more information?**

A: The situation for roads and bridges changes regularly, we therefore advise you to regularly check the county council's website [cumbria.gov.uk](http://cumbria.gov.uk)

You can find out more about the temporary road bridge construction at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/bridgewatch](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/bridgewatch)

You can also follow the road bridge construction at [www.twitter.com/bridgewatch](http://www.twitter.com/bridgewatch)