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WESTLINK UPDATE - NEW BRIDGE OPENING

Motorists should leave extra time for their journeys due to the opening of a temporary bridge at the Grosvenor Road junction with Westlink.

The temporary bridge will be opened on Monday 9 October and there will be major traffic management changes in and around Grosvenor Road.

Traffic and pedestrians using the Grosvenor Road will travel over Westlink by a temporary bridge. There will be no access to and from Westlink at the Grosvenor Road junction, in any direction. Traffic wishing to join and leave Westlink will be diverted to either Divis Street or Broadway junctions, where full access will be maintained with Westlink.

All traffic signals at the Grosvenor Road junction with Westlink shall be removed, apart from one set on the M1 bound carriageway, and traffic shall travel straight through this junction. The Grosvenor Road junction will effectively cease to exist. The temporary bridge will be in place for up to 18 months, until the new Grosvenor Road underpass is constructed.

Drivers should note that a 20 mph speed limit will be in operation over the temporary bridge.

To allow this new road layout to be set up, Grosvenor Road West from the Westlink to Roden Street and Grosvenor Road East from the Westlink to Durham Street will be closed from 8pm on Saturday 7 October until 6am on Monday 9 October. This means that access to and from Westlink at Grosvenor Road will stop at 8pm on Saturday night. Local access will be maintained during these Grosvenor Road closures.

Royal Victoria Hospital

Access to the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) from the Westlink will change. There will be no access from Westlink at Grosvenor Road junction. The alternative route to the RVH from the M2 is to leave Westlink at Divis Street and follow the signs to the RVH or carry on along Westlink to Broadway and access the RVH from this junction. The alternative route to the RVH from the M1 is to leave at Broadway and access the RVH from this junction or to carry on to Divis Street, leave the Westlink here and follow the signs to the RVH.

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