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Dear Customer

M42 Dual Bridge Lift

We're upgrading the M42 at junction 6 to enable better movement of traffic on and off the A45, supporting access to Birmingham International airport and train station as well as preparing capacity for the new HS2 station. Our work includes creating a new junction on the M42 and constructing a dual carriageway between this new junction and Clock Interchange.

To create the new junction (5a) we'll need to install two new bridges across the M42. In June we completed preparation works to harden the central reservation around the location of the new junction and we're now ready for the bridges to be moved into position.

To complete this work safely, we need to close the M42 in both directions between junctions 5 and 6 for three days **from 10pm on Friday 30 September to 6am on Monday 3 October**.

We had previously planned to install the bridges in early September 2022. However, we've faced significant challenges which have affected our plans. These include industry-wide product shortages and longer lead times on materials. We also encountered unforeseen ground conditions, which delayed the foundations on the new Solihull Road bridge.

Despite these setbacks we have made exceptional progress and Solihull Road is now expected to be open for traffic in February 2023. We apologise for this delay and we are working to mitigate its impact on the road network and our neighbours.

During the closures, we will put in place a clearly signed diversion route. This has already been agreed with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council as the most suitable route for both the amount and type of traffic being diverted. Please see further details on reverse.

We expect this closure to cause delays for traffic travelling along the M42. Please plan ahead and allow additional time for your journeys, considering alternative routes where possible.

If you have any questions about this work, or if you'd like to receive regular updates about the project, you can email me at steve.vanderpark@skanska.co.uk or visit the National Highways webpage at <https://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/M42J6>

Yours faithfully

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