

Press Release

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A82 Aberchalder and Laggan Swing Bridges ***WORK STARTS MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2012 FOR TEN WEEKS***

Users of the A82 Aberchalder Swing Bridge, (5 miles south of Fort Augustus), and the A82 Laggan Swing Bridge (8 miles south of Fort Augustus) are set to benefit from a Transport Scotland investment of £510,000 in essential maintenance works.

The works will start on both bridges on Monday 9th January 2012 and continue for 10 weeks, programmed to finish on Friday 16th March 2012. This is during the period when the Caledonian Canal is closed to boat traffic.

Aberchalder Bridge

For the first 2 weeks single lane traffic management will be in place with 24 hour convoy working. A 10mph speed restriction will apply. Thereafter the southbound lane will be closed under traffic management and the speed restriction will be increased to 30mph. Temporary concrete barriers will be used to protect the workforce. Over the 10 week period there will be two overnight road closures of the A82 to allow the swing bridge to be jacked on and off temporary supports. The closures are provisionally programmed for nights of the 22nd January and the 31st January 2011, both from 10pm to 6am with the diversion via the A887 and A87.

The works on this 75 year old structure involve essential steelwork and weld repairs below the deck as well as maintenance painting of bridge members.

Laggan Swing Bridge

During the 10 week works period single lane traffic management will be in place with a speed restriction of 30mph. The southbound lane will be closed to allow the steelwork and reinforced concrete underneath the bridge to be repaired. Temporary concrete barriers will be used to protect the workforce.

There are no planned overnight road closures of the A82 at Laggan Swing Bridge during the works. However, the travelling public should be aware of the restrictions on the near-by Aberchalder Swing Bridge on the 22nd and 31st January. Every effort will be made to minimise any disruption to the travelling public.

Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs which will be in place throughout the works. For real time journey planning information visit www.trafficscotland.org