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Construction work starts soon on first temporary cycleway for West Sussex

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Construction work starts soon on the first of seven temporary cycleway schemes in West Sussex.

The Chichester scheme will connect the Spitalfield Lane, hospital area with the city's railway station, creating a 2km-long "keyworker corridor" for safe cycling. The route will also link to the central retail area and other major employment sites, such as the University of Chichester.

Work is set to start week commencing 27 July, subject to factors such as severe weather, and is likely to take about a fortnight to complete.

It includes reallocating road space for cycling by segregating lane one of the dual-carriageway on the A286 Chichester Ring-Road and widening the existing cycle lane on the busy gyratory.

A combination of traffic segregation 'wands', temporary 20mph speed limits and road markings and signage will be used throughout.

Road users are advised to please allow extra time for their journeys or, if possible, seek alternative routes while the works are ongoing as delays are likely.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the works but our contractor will do all it can to minimise this as much as possible.

The second of the seven schemes to start will create cycle provision connecting the north and south of Worthing, from the A24/A259 Grove Lodge roundabout area to the town centre. The likely start date for this project will be announced soon.

The schemes, totalling 21km of new and improved cycle lanes, will provide improved travel choice for both residents and visitors and help to link commuting destinations in each of the county's borough and district areas as the Government

eases lockdown in the COVID-19 crisis.

Details can be found [here](#)

Vegetation clearance and “siding out” (widening back to full width) was carried out on the existing off-carriageway cycle track on the A259 Chichester to Bognor Regis route earlier this month.

Picture: An illustrative example of the style of improvement which will be used in West Sussex. Photo: in Old Shoreham Road, Hove, taken by Darren Cool Images

Notes to editors

Statutory Guidance issued by Department for Transport on 23 May, directed councils to introduce these measures. Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Transport, said at the time: “The Government therefore expects local authorities to make significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians.

“Such changes will help embed altered behaviours and demonstrate the positive effects of active travel....”