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Sent: 04 June 2021 14:06
To: @whatdotheyknow.com
Subject: Smart Motorways and POPE studies
Attachments: Annex A - EIR 101861 - List of SM schemes pre-RIS 1

Dear

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested on 24 February 2021. Thank you for your patience while we collated this information for you.

The questions you asked are as follows:

1. **A full list of all the Smart Motorway schemes which have been completed, are under construction, or being planned,**
2. **The dates when they opened to traffic.**

For schemes that were already under construction in 2015, or announced as part of Road Investment Strategy 1 (RIS) or RIS2, they and their Open for Traffic dates can be found in Highways England Delivery Plans, the links for which are as follows:

Delivery Plan 2015 – 2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-england-delivery-plan-2015-2020> Delivery Plan 2016 – 2017:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-england-delivery-plan-2016-to-2017>

Delivery Plan 2017 – 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-england-delivery-plan-2017-to-2018> Delivery Plan Update 2019-2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-england-delivery-plan-update-2019-to-2020>

Delivery Plan 2020 – 2025:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-england-delivery-plan-2020-2025>

For schemes that completed before the start of RIS1 and therefore not referenced in the Delivery Plans, details have been provided in **Annex A** (attached).

3. **Links to the Post-Opening Project Evaluation (POPE) reports for each of these Smart Motorway schemes**

All smart motorways POPE reports published prior to 2021 can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/post-opening-project-evaluation-pope-of-majorschemes>

From early 2021, POPE reports can be found here: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/publications/>

4. If no POPE has been completed, then the date when the POPE is expected to be published.

Until December 2022 the below POPE reports aim to be published:

- M1 J10-13: Smart Motorway
- M1 Junctions 28-31: Smart Motorway
- M1 Junctions 32-35a: Smart Motorway
- M62 J25-30: Smart Motorway
- M25 J5-7 SM (section 2)
- M1 Junctions 23a-25: Smart Motorway
- M4/M5: M4 J19-20 & M5 J15-17 Smart Motorway
- M25 J23-27 SM (section 5)
- M1 Junctions 19-16
- M6 J5-8 (BB phase 3)

Please note that these are subject to change given factors which may arise during analytical assurance. Also note that timing of POPE studies is considered around factors such as other road works in the vicinity of the scheme which may lead to us scheduling that study later on. We aim to evaluate at a time when traffic is representative of normal traffic conditions after opening.

An example of re-scheduling is the M5 junctions 4a to 6 scheme. On this stretch there was overlap with M5 junctions 5 to 7 improvements and Oldbury viaduct maintenance within the evaluation period. Once these had cleared, the Covid pandemic saw traffic levels drop. There will be a joint study on the impacts of the smart motorway and junction improvements and we will reassess traffic conditions in Autumn 2021 to determine scheduling of the evaluation for this stretch then.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number EIR 101816 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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