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## **Great Yarmouth, A149 Acle New Road, Bus Service Improvement Plan**

Improvement works on Great Yarmouth, A149 Acle New Road are due to start on or soon after Monday 4 March 2024 and will last for approximately 11 weeks. The aim of this scheme through Norfolk County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) is to enable sustainable travel through providing improved connections between the rail station and local bus network. The Acle New Road scheme provides direct links from the rail station in both directions direct to Great Yarmouth Market Gates where users can connect to other services or travel through to Lowestoft and Belton.

### **Details of work**

- New bus stop lay-by with a shelter and real time passenger information on the eastern (southbound) side of A149 Acle New Road between the Vauxhall roundabout and station access signalised junction.
- Accessibility improvements to existing bus stop on the western (northbound) side of A149 Acle New Road between Fuller's Hill roundabout and station access signalised junction
- Pavement widening of Acle New Road and conversion to shared use facility to link with existing shared use footway/cycleway
- Real-time passenger information within the rail station to direct people to the bus stops
- Diversion of several underground utilities and tree removal/replanting to facilitate project.

### **Traffic management**

Acle New Road will remain open in both directions throughout the works but a lane closure will be in place on the southbound carriage way for the duration of the project to allow work to be carried out safely. This may cause some delays at peak times and alternative access to the A47 is available via Haven Bridge or the new Herring Bridge if required.

Please Note: The northbound lane closure will only be in place for around 1 week (exact timing to be confirmed) and advance warning signs will be in place on site.

All works will be suspended, and any lane closures removed over the duration of both the Easter school holidays (28 March – 12 April 2024) and the May bank holiday weekend.

## **Bus services**

Bus services will operate as normal but may experience some delays at peak times. Passengers are advised to check with service operators before travel.

### **Access for pedestrians and cyclists:**

- Access through the scheme area will be maintained at all times.
- Cyclists are encouraged to dismount and walk along the temporary walkaway provided within the traffic management.

The County Council thanks people for their patience while these improvements take place. We understand any disruption on the roads is frustrating and will be working with our contractor, Tarmac, throughout to minimise this as much as possible.

### **For further information**

[www.norfolk.gov.uk/gybuslink](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/gybuslink)

Sean Hazell, Resident Engineer, and Tekendra Limbu, Project Engineer, on 0344 800 8020.

Up-to-date information about roadworks in Norfolk is available on the County Council's website at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks)

## **Background**

These improvements are being paid for through DfT funding awarded to Norfolk County Council. They are estimated to cost around £214k and will be carried out by the Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors.

The Department for Transport has awarded £49.6 million funding to Norfolk County council from the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) to deliver a range of schemes across Norfolk. These projects aim to rebuild and improve passenger confidence in bus services.



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