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Bee Network Phase 2

The upgrade of a major stretch of road between Castleton and Rochdale town centre is underway, after the approval of £13.5m of external funding for the scheme.

The Bee Network project will see a number of junctions along the busy A58 Manchester Road upgraded, with new crossings to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and new, optimised lights which will monitor traffic movements and speed up journey times.

Seven junctions are in line for improvements, including Manchester Road and Bolton Road, Manchester Road and Roch Valley Way and Manchester Road and Drake Street.

The project will be delivered in stages over an 18 month period to minimise disruption as much as possible, including:

- A new crossing being created across Manchester Road to enable safe and easy access to Highfield Hospital.
- A new cycle lane being created to extend the existing cycle lane in Castleton from The Royal Toby Hotel into Rochdale town centre.
- New greenery and planting being introduced along Old Manchester Road, alongside road resurfacing, 20mph speed limits and traffic calming measures.
- Increase of parking, with 30 new spaces being created close to Beech House School, to support people using Mandale park.



August

Phase 1 - The road resurfacing works have been completed, and work has continued on the new footway and cycleway construction. This was around 80% complete by the end of August, with just the short stretch between Gypsy lane and Tomlinson St to complete.

Phase 6 - There has been a flurry of activity around the junction with the completion of the road resurfacing, road markings and installation of the new traffic light system (although not fully commissioned yet). Work has also continued on the construction of the new islands, footways and cycleways, which are around 90% complete and will soon be ready for surfacing.

September

Phase 1 - The scheme should be complete by mid-September. We should finish all the footway works by early September and we can then lay the final surface, including the buff-coloured surface to the cycleways. Once all the road markings are laid, TfGM can then commission and switch on the new pedestrian crossing to the south of Gypsy Lane.

Phase 6 - To minimise traffic congestion through the junction, the new traffic lights are expected to be switched on week commencing 8th September and the temporary lights removed. This means the junction can then operate as designed, but we'll still be on site completing the surfacing, pedestrian guardrails and the like.



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