

Chester Northgate Update



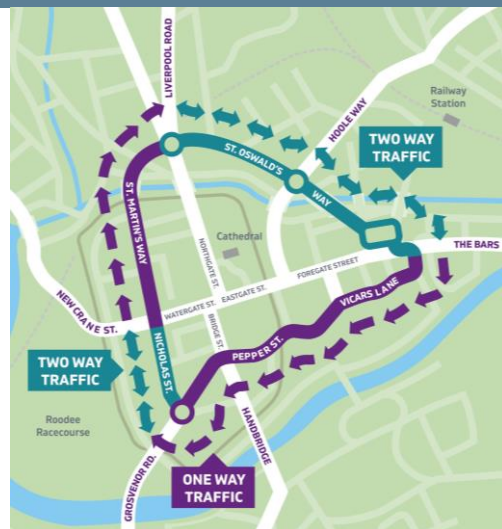
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First stage of removing Clockwise diversions to begin

The first phase of lifting the Clockwise diversions on the inner ring road are planned to begin from 25th October.

This will allow two-way traffic along Nicholas Street, following the completion of the first five sections of the new surface water drain. Extensive reinstatement works will now commence along St. Martins Way and Nicholas Street to install new traffic signals and central reservations ahead of reopening the Nicholas Street section, see revised Clockwise map opposite.



The southbound lane along Nicholas Street between the Watergate Street junction and the Grosvenor Roundabout will allow traffic coming from the Sealand Road direction to turn left or right at the junction with the inner ring road and reduce journey times by removing the need to follow a Clockwise loop to leave the city via the Grosvenor Bridge. The Weaver St. junction with Nicholas St. will also allow for a left or right turn.

Nicholas Street and St Martins Way will remain open to northbound traffic during the reinstatement works but will be limited to one lane until after the Hunter Street junction to enable a safe working area for the central reservation reinstatement. Work will commence in January to remove other sections of the Clockwise diversions, including to allow southbound traffic from the Fountains Roundabout along St. Martins Way and returning the section along Vicars Lane past the amphitheatre to two-way traffic. Further announcements will be made to confirm the dates and the reopening of Nuns Road and Castle Drive once the remaining drainage tunnel works are completed.

Councillor Karen Shore, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member - Environment, Highways & Strategic Transport said: "I am very pleased to announce the first stages in the lifting of Clockwise and appreciate that the drain works have caused considerable inconvenience to many drivers. Despite facing numerous challenges to the drain works, not least Covid restrictions and material delays, I am delighted to confirm that we can begin the partial lifting in October; and I would like to thank everyone impacted by the drain works for their continued patience over the past year while we complete as quickly as possible."

Construction Update: Hunter St. now open following completion of car park structure.