

Mancunian Way closure – Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September

On Saturday 9 and on Sunday 10 September, the Mancunian Way will close for its annual maintenance and safety inspections.

The closure will be in place from Chester Road roundabout to Fairfield Street in both directions.

As a result, we will see an uplift in road users using alternative routes in the city centre and increased journey times within the Inner Ring Road and on routes that join the Mancunian Way.

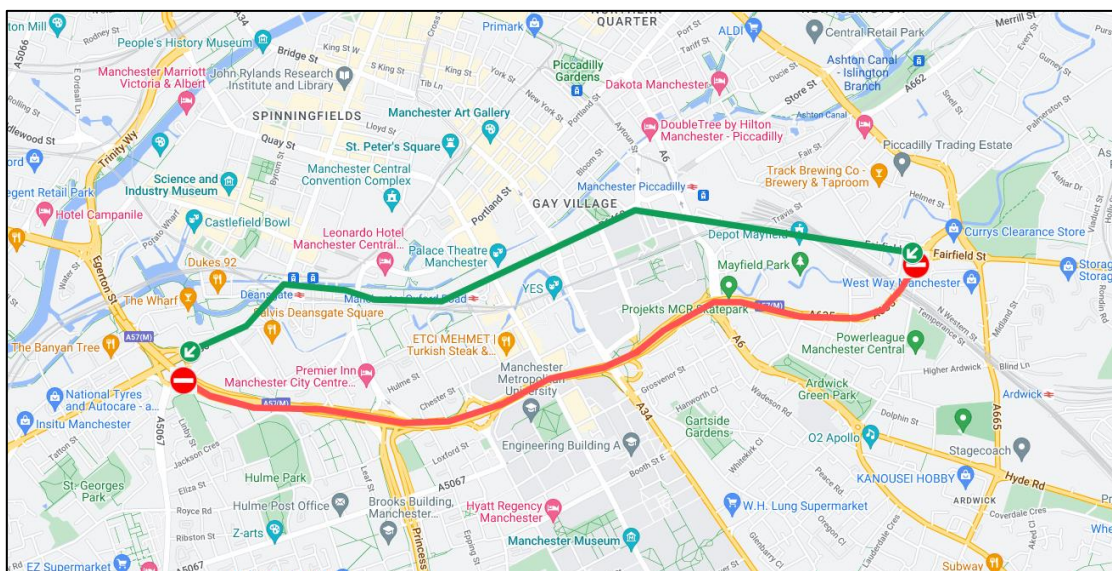
As Manchester city centre's busiest road, stakeholders across Greater Manchester have co-ordinated plans for the works to ensure that the Mancunian Way is closed for the shortest time possible over a weekend, where there are fewer work trips and when there are no Premier League home matches. More information about the works, TfGM's advice and what is being done to minimise the impact is detailed below.

If you have any questions about the information in this pack or would like to work with us on some bespoke travel advice, please contact events@tfgm.com.

Thank you for helping us to keep Greater Manchester moving.

About the works

- The Mancunian Way will be closed in both directions between 5am on Saturday 9 September and 7pm on Sunday 10 September for its annual maintenance and safety inspection.
- Traffic will be diverted via Chester Road, Bridgewater Viaduct, Whitworth Street West, Whitworth Street, Fairfield Street and vice versa.
- The weekend has been carefully selected to minimise the impact to the people of Greater Manchester, taking into consideration factors such as major events, traffic flows, roadworks and utility works.





Key messages

- Based on data from previous closures, the quietest time to travel will be before midday. Traffic levels will be higher from 12pm with the busiest time likely to be between 4pm and 7pm on Saturday and 3pm and 6pm on Sunday.
- Chester Road, Regent Road, Whitworth Street, Fairfield Street and the Inner Ring Road approaching the Mancunian Way are likely to be the most impacted roads. Anyone making a journey by road should check the [dedicated map of the Mancunian Way closure](#) before travel.
- Using the M60 and the motorway network will likely be the fastest way to get from one side of the city to the other. If road users are already in the city centre and looking to make a journey, they should use the northern sections of the Inner Ring Road (Trinity Way and Great Ancoats Street) to avoid being caught in congestion on the Whitworth Street diversion route.
- Increased traffic volumes on the diversion route will lead to additional journey time on some bus services.
- To avoid delays, use Metrolink services into the city centre. For those who need to travel by car, avoid city centre congestion by parking for free at one of [24 park and ride locations](#) and travel by tram for the final part of the journey into the city.

Social media

We have prepared social media posts for you to use on your channels. TfGM will be posting messages that compliment these and provide further detail on these key themes.

Sample tweets

The Mancunian Way will be closed in both directions on Saturday and Sunday [9 and 10 September].

Plan ahead and allow extra time to minimise the impact to your journey. Avoid the traffic and travel by tram.

Check out @OfficialTfGM's tips: tfgm.com/mancunian-way-closure

If you are catching the bus over the weekend [9 and 10 Sep], services may be delayed due to the Mancunian Way closure.

Plan ahead and allow extra time to limit the impact to your journey.

Check with @OfficialTfGM or your operator before travel.

👉 tfgm.com/mancunian-way-closure

The Mancunian Way is closed in both directions this weekend.

Avoid being caught in congestion by using one of the 24 park and ride sites on the @MCRMetroLink network.

Just park up, buy a ticket and travel by tram into the city - avoiding any delays.

👉 tfgm.com/park-and-ride

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Here's @OfficialTfGM's top tips:

- Avoid road congestion and bus delays by travelling smart on tram
- Use the M60 for faster cross-city journeys
- Roads will be quietest before midday

Plan ahead: tfgm.com/mancunian-way-closure

Sample newsletter text

Below is a short summary of the impact and advice, for inclusion in newsletters and email communications.

From 5am on Saturday 9 until 7pm Sunday 10 September, the Mancunian Way will close for its annual maintenance and safety inspections.

The closure will be in place from Chester Road roundabout to Fairfield Street in both directions.

As a result, there will be more drivers using alternative routes in the city centre and therefore increasing journey times within the Inner Ring Road.

The key advice from Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) for anyone travelling is:

- Based on data from previous closures, the quietest time to travel will be before midday. Traffic levels will be higher from 12pm with the busiest time likely to be between 4pm and 7pm on Saturday and 3pm and 6pm on Sunday. Chester Road, Regent Road, Whitworth Street, Fairfield Street and the Inner Ring Road approaching the Mancunian Way are likely to be the most impacted roads.
- Anyone making a journey by road should check the [dedicated map of the Mancunian Way closure](#) before travel.
- Using the M60 and the motorway network will likely be the fastest way to get from one side of the city to the other. If you are already in the city centre and looking to make a journey, use the northern sections of the Inner Ring Road (Trinity Way and Great Ancoats Street) to avoid being caught in congestion on the Whitworth Street diversion route.
- Driving along the Mancunian Way or just travelling from A to B over the weekend? Avoid delays and use Metrolink services into the city centre. For those who need to travel by car, avoid city centre congestion by parking for free at one of 24 park and ride locations and completing their journey by tram. You can find more information on the [TfGM website](#).
- Increased traffic volumes on the diversion route will lead to additional journey time on some bus services.

Whatever your journey, plan ahead ensure you're aware of any road closures which may affect your route road closures and leave plenty of extra time so that you aren't delayed on your trip.

Follow [@OfficialTfGM](#) on social media and visit the [TfGM website](#) for the latest travel updates.

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What we are doing to keep Greater Manchester moving

Transport for Greater Manchester, the Local Authorities and National Highways have all been involved in the planning of these works. To reduce disruption, we are collectively introducing the following key mitigations:

- Various agencies have collaborated and used traffic data to identify a period which will have less impact to customers. This includes undertaking the works at a weekend when there is fewer work trips and selecting a weekend with the least major events and no Premier League matches.
- Adjusting the traffic signal timings on the diversion route and on other key routes to take into account additional traffic.
- Enhanced monitoring of the highways and transport network during the closure from TfGM's Control Centre.
- Updating live Satellite Navigation devices with road closure information.
- Collaborating with transport operators to provide a co-ordinated response to potential congestion.
- Notifying bus operators and introducing customer messaging on bus stops that are affected by any closures and diversions.
- Using TfGM's and motorway Variable Message Signs to advise of the closure at key decision points across the Greater Manchester road network and northwest.
- Working with the Local Authorities to suspend all non-essential works that could impact traffic flow in the city centre. Manchester City Council have requested for ongoing works to be reduced in scale to limit impact to the city centre during this period.
- Manchester City Council, Salford City Council and TfGM have worked together to ensure that alternative routes are available to road users.
- Co-ordinated media communications plan.
- Boosted posts on social media to further amplify the message.
- Amplifying message through email newsletters and regular stakeholder engagement.

Appendix A – Other works taking place in Manchester

Rochdale Road closure

Between 8.30pm on Thursday 7 September and 5am on Monday 11 September, an inbound road closure will take place on Rochdale Road between Addington Street / Angel Street and Swan Street to facilitate the dismantling of a tower crane. Traffic will be diverted via Addington Street, Oldham Road and Swan Street where it will resume normal route. Advanced signage will be placed at the junction of Rochdale Road and Thompson Street to capture traffic on Rochdale Road before reaching the closure.

Great Ancoats Street closure

After the Mancunian Way has reopened, from 8pm on Sunday 10 September to 4am on Monday 11 September, a one-way closure will be in place on Great Ancoats Street between Pollard Street and Old Mill Street to facilitate a crane lift. Traffic will be diverted via Old Mill Street, Carruthers Street, Pollard Street.