

Progress Bulletin 1

South Bristol Link MetroBus

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Introducing...

Griffiths is very proud to have been appointed main contractor for the South Bristol Link project and looks forward to forming part of the wider MetroBus scheme. We are a leading regional civil engineering and construction contractor with a track record of delivering quality infrastructure projects stretching back almost fifty years. We are not new to working in the area, having successfully delivered projects for North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Bristol City Councils. Previous projects include four schemes under the £15m Weston Package, designed to improve car, motorcycle, bus, cyclist and pedestrian access into and around Weston-super-Mare and Worle.

Griffiths is also currently working on the expansion of the A38 roundabout at Bristol Airport and a new junction at Marksbury Road, in Bristol.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the South Bristol Link MetroBus project please get in contact with us: email metrobus@alungriffiths.co.uk, telephone **0845 86 22 237** or better still, come and see us in person at one of our community information surgeries:

- **Cutler Road Community Centre** - Friday 8th & Friday 15th May - 11:30am to 1:30pm
- **@Symes building** - Monday 18th & Wednesday 27th May - 11:30am to 1:30pm
- **Gatehouse Centre** - Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 9th June - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Construction Progress:

We have now successfully removed the vegetation along King George's Road and Highridge Common and identified the location of all underground utility cables in preparation for the main construction works to begin June 2015.

Narrow lanes will be introduced along the A370, just west of Long Ashton Park and Ride, on 5th May 2015 and will stay in place until late October 2016.

We have established site offices along the route of the new road, installed security equipment and have security teams patrolling the site boundary. Please be aware these offices are not accessible to the public and all communications should be made through the channels detailed above.

The Public Right Of Way (PROW) at Longmoor Brook has been diverted to accommodate the new road, however, walkers will still have full access to all green spaces in the area. For more information on the diversions of all Public Rights Of Way please visit:

community.alungriffiths.co.uk/, click on the orange South Bristol Link button and choose 'Public Rights Of Way' from the menu on the left.

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Community Engagement News:

Jobs: On 16th April **Griffiths**, in partnership with Ways2Work and Jobcentre+, held a Jobs Fair at the Gatehouse Community Centre in Hartcliffe to recruit construction operatives, dumper and excavator operators and engineers. Through the afternoon a fantastic 112 local people registered their interest in working for **Griffiths**.

The selection process to fill vacancies is well underway and the successful candidates will be notified of a second stage interview, shortly.

Throughout the construction phase **Griffiths** has committed to train and recruit local people. Even at this early stage we have already filled one part-time and five full-time positions.

We are also providing nine weeks work experience for local students, through our relationships with the T2 Apprenticeship Academy and the City of Bristol College, as well as offering students attending the Ambitions+ Careers' Fair, at the University of the West of England, the opportunity to build a 12-metre model replica of the Severn Bridge.



Two students constructing one of the piers of the replica Severn Bridge.

Sally Safesteps is Looking for Schools...

Griffiths has developed its own, in-house "Sally Safesteps" programme, aimed at primary school children to provide the opportunity to interact with young pupils. The message can be adapted to suit issues relevant to a school's specific curriculum and to involve our projects in the area.

The underlying theme is Health and Safety and the intended outcomes focus on making pupils aware of the very real dangers of entering or playing around a construction site.

We have developed age-appropriate Sally Safesite supporting material and pupils receive a workbook, puzzles/quizzes, a badge and certificate.

If you are a head teacher or a teacher in a local primary school and would like to invite Sally to visit, get in touch! Call us on **0845 86 22 327** or email metrobus@alungriffiths.co.uk



Considerate Constructor Scheme



Registered site
www.ccscheme.org.uk

We have now registered the SBL MetroBus sites with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS). The CCS is a non-profit-making, independent organisation founded in 1997 by the construction industry to improve its image.

Construction sites, companies and suppliers voluntarily register with the Scheme and agree to abide by the Code of Considerate Practice, designed to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements.

Griffiths has set a target to achieve above a 7/10 in all 5 categories of the scheme.

For more information on the CCS please visit their website: www.ccscheme.org.uk/