

Siemens starts major signal works on route to 2012 Games

Installation of new traffic signalling equipment by Siemens is underway in Weymouth ahead of the 2012 Games, which will see the world's leading competitors heading for the sailing events in Weymouth and Portland. The contracts form part of The Weymouth Transport Package for the 2012 Games, a series of long-term public transport improvements for the town centre aimed at easing the impact of congestion and improving public transport.

Five of Weymouth's busiest roundabouts are being replaced with new junctions equipped with Siemens' signal controllers and traffic management measures which will help manage traffic flow, particularly for buses and help improve air quality in the town centre which has suffered heavy congestion for many years.

According to Dorset County Council Traffic Control Manager, Matthew Williams: 'Although the project has been made possible by the 2012 Games sailing events, the improvements are permanent and will provide lasting benefits in reducing congestion'. The scheme will deliver increased capacity and reduced delays/queue lengths for all traffic and bring bus stops on the Dorchester-Weymouth-Portland corridor up to national standards including the installation of a real time passenger information system and provision of electronic signs to guide motorists to available car parking spaces.

The contract awarded to Siemens includes the installation and maintenance of a total of 15 new traffic controlled sites and pedestrian crossings, and urban traffic control management improvements aimed at increasing network capacity and including bus priority measures and the implementation of local traffic regulation orders.

Installation work is progressing well on a number of the new sites including two large junctions and one dual pedestrian crossing close to the harbour. Matthew Williams added: 'We have worked with Siemens for the past eight years and have been very satisfied with the service they provide. We look forward to working with the company in the future, following its recent successful re-tendering procedure'.

Notes to editors:

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