

Eastern Seaboard Corridor M1 Junction at Blacks Road

Need for Scheme

The M1 Junction at Blacks Road is approximately 3 miles south of Belfast (see reverse for location plan). The current junction has two north facing slip roads and therefore only facilitates traffic joining the M1, Belfast bound and leaving the M1 from the country bound carriageway. This arrangement only provides limited access for local traffic to and from the M1.

The Proposed scheme

The scheme would provide two south facing slips roads to facilitate country bound traffic joining the M1 and for traffic leaving the Belfast bound carriageway at this location.

The scheme would also include a new junction arrangement to accommodate the two existing slip roads as well as the two new slip roads.



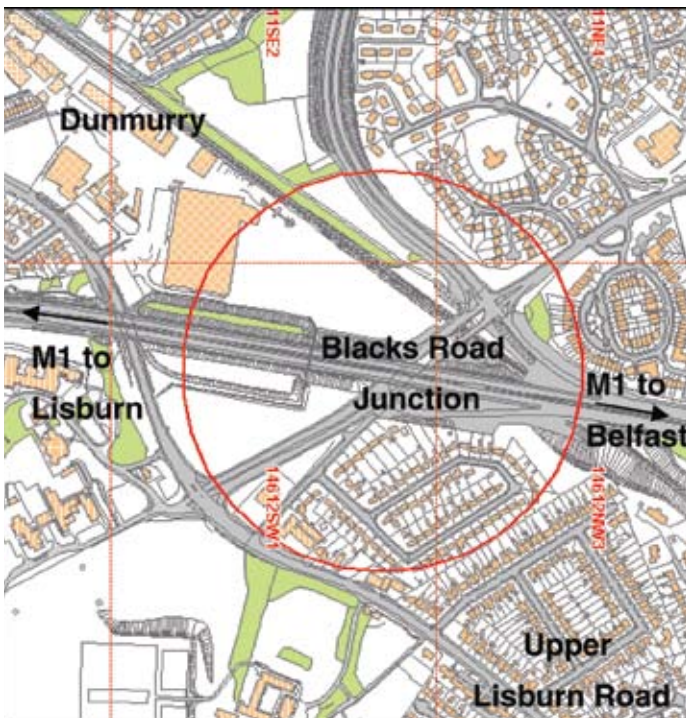
Benefits

The proposals will improve access to the strategic road network and improve traffic flow in the local area.

The scheme will allow local traffic to join and leave the M1 motorway in both the city bound and country bound directions. This will reduce travel times for local traffic, remove the traffic from the local network which had previously been unable to gain direct access to the motorway and will also reduce the volume of traffic using the adjacent junctions thereby improving road safety.

Progress

Initial feasibility work has been carried out which allowed for inclusion in the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan. The DRD Investment Delivery Plan for Roads estimates that construction of the scheme will have commenced within the 2014-18 period.



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