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Over 370 miles of roadworks will be lifted or completed on motorways and major A roads, to provide smoother journeys for those who are travelling on the bank holiday in August.

Highways England are removing 373 miles of roadworks: 179 sets of roadworks, totalling 319 miles, will be completed and 22 sets suspended, totalling 54 miles ahead of the holiday. Almost 98% of the strategic road network will have no roadworks over the holiday.

A total of £15Bn has been invested by the government, in the biggest upgrade in a generation.

New roads are being built, and the creation of Smart Motorways will help keep traffic moving even in the busiest periods.

Highways England Chief Executive, Jim O’Sullivan said: “This August bank holiday, we’re helping drivers with their journeys by clearing roadworks across the majority of our motorways and major A roads in England.

“Our traffic officers will also be on patrol and working with partners to help clear any incidents; the vast majority of which will be dealt with in under an hour.

“We’re asking people to be prepared too. Make sure you have everything you need for your journey should there be any delays, check before and during your journey and also make sure you’re aware of the signs and signals on motorways.”

Highways England have advised that drivers take extra time to use the resources available to them, to keep up to date with road conditions, including advice on driving on Smart Motorways where new signs and signals have been implemented to ease congestion.

The roadworks will be completed or suspended from 6am on 26 August until 12.01am on 30 August. By suspending or completing roadworks, more lanes will be open and many of the associated speed restrictions will be lifted.
The digital transformation is rapidly changing from the way we travel on our roads and how we provide and maintain our infrastructure. The Department for Transport is launching a competition to help stimulate further transformation and to enhance Britain's position as a leading transport innovator.