

Current work in the Hub

The following new 'raising the bar' documents have been finalised:

- Loading / unloading vehicles
- Electrical safety
- Design for safety

We have also reviewed the following current raising the bar documents.

- Plant and equipment
- Traffic management entry and exit
- Man / machine interface
- Temporary safety barrier

It is expected that these documents will be published on the highways agency's website at the end of July.

Work now looks to review the following 'raising the bar' guidance documents.

- Behavioural based safety
- Caravan / temporary sleeping accommodation
- Overhead services and structures protection
- Manual handling

We welcome any constructive feedback so if you wish to get involved please send your comments to DeliveryHubInbox@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Current raising the bar guidance documents are available on the Highways Agency website:

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/safety/major-projects-delivery-hub-health-safety-action-group/>

Highways Agency alerts:

HA 124 - Green Cones

HA 125 – Fire Brigade Strike

HA 126 – Traffic Light Unit Incident

HA 127 – Parking Brake Failure

HA 128 – Operative Struck by Tailgate

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/safety/highways-agency-safety-alerts/>

Independent Audit Review

The highways agency's independent audit, undertaken by WSP, has been carried out for over five years in both Network Delivery and Development and Major Projects on Highways Agency live schemes and in the main has been well received. To ensure this audit remains current we are in the process of reviewing the audit to bring it up to date with things like compliance with raising the bar best practice documents. Please take this opportunity to comment on the audit in terms of highlighting the elements that give the most value, elements that are not covered, and any other suggestions that will help improve the process or its reporting mechanism.

Please send your thoughts to matthew.barry@highways.gov.gsi.co.uk of the National Health and Safety Team, who is collating all feedback.

Safe Use of Petrol Cut Off Saws

Skanska, STIHL and CSkills Awards have joined forces to develop a new training programme and accompanying video to promote the safe use of petrol driven cut-off saws in the construction industry.

The video talks through 8 key points,

1. PPE to be worn
2. Basic Machine checks

3. Wheel checks, selection and fitting
4. Work area assessment
5. Starting the saw
6. Operating the saw
7. Fuelling the saw
8. Transport and storage

The video can be found via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttdOX48kNuo>

CPC Deadline looming

The CPC, or 'driver certificate of professional competence' is an initiative that hopes to help keep drivers, and the public, safe by making regular training a mandatory requirement for any professional driver who drives a vehicle over 3.5 Tonnes.

All drivers, new and existing, must now undertake 35 hours of training every five years to ensure that their Driver CPC remains valid. This training must be delivered in blocks lasting a minimum of seven hours, and covers subjects such as road safety, fuel economy, health and safety and service. And if you or your drivers haven't completed CPC training yet, time is running out, as the deadline for completing the first 35 hours of training is the 10 September 2014.

For more information please consult the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/driver-certificate-of-professional-competence-cpc/overview>

There are a number of different courses that are available to make up the 35 hours total training time but in particular the Highways Agency would be keen for professional drivers to undertake a course on protecting vulnerable road users.

For current requirements on Highways Agency sites please refer to 'Raising the bar' guidance document B20 transport logistics management.

Congratulations

The project team on the M6 junctions 5 to 8 Birmingham box phase 3 smart motorways project recently won the construction award as well as the best overall project award at the West Midlands Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) annual awards dinner.

This award followed recent success at the West Midlands Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CHIT) award dinner where the project was named the "Best Large Highways and Transportation project".

Congratulations to all involved



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M1 J28-31 Safety Stand down

Costain held a safety stand down day on 12 May, to provide a high impact safety message focusing on a theme of behavioural safety, to the entire 350 strong site team included representatives from the Highways Agency, designers Mouchel, supply chain partners as well as direct operatives, supervisors and engineers.

The day started with a series of presentations from the project management team including feedback on the recent climate survey and information about current safety trends on the site. Costain's CBS team also presented some examples of how the behavioural approach to safety works including examples of some

recent successes on the M1. The event continued with a fictional scenario played out by actors illustrating the potential impact that a serious safety failure could have on the M1 project – in this case an unqualified driver hitting an operative whilst driving an overloaded dumper. The actors (in character) also faced questions and challenges from the floor, with some heated exchanges ensuing.

The fictional scenario concluded with a courtroom scene featuring Gerard Forlin QC, a specialist Health and Safety barrister, who then went on to talk about current trends emerging from recent cases. There was a sobering conclusion to the day as Paul Blanchard, a construction worker paralysed from the chest down following a fall from height in 2010 spoke of his personal story and brought home the

human cost that an accident at work can have.

Arun Sahni, the Highways Agency representative on the project said "It's great to see Costain taking the initiative to promote behavioural safety on this scheme. The level of commitment and investment in the day has sent a clear message to everyone involved in the project that safety is our top priority"



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