



Press Release

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FM Conway solves Piccadilly's congestion problem

The first phase of a £14 million pound project to improve the traffic and pedestrian flow in London's busy Piccadilly has been opened by Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

FM Conway's Civil Engineering Division assisted Westminster City Council to improve the traffic layout in Piccadilly, St James's Street and Cockspur Street, by converting the previous one-way traffic system to a two-way traffic operation.

The project will enable smoother traffic flow and ease congestion, creating a more accessible environment for both road users and pedestrians. Work by FM Conway has included carriageway resurfacing, cctv drainage, repaving footways, resurfacing roads, installing new kerbs, central islands, traffic lights, street lights and associated electrical ducting.

Central islands are being constructed along Piccadilly and Pall Mall, and two-way traffic will be reintroduced for the first time since 1963. In this final phase, more than one kilometre of railings along Piccadilly will be uprooted and barriers will be removed to de-clutter pavements and increase pedestrian space.

Working in partnership with Transport for London and the Crown Estate, the scheme has received support from property owners and businesses in the area, including Fortnum and Mason and The Ritz.

Grant Lemmon, Contract Manager for FM Conway's Civil Engineering Division, said: "On completion of the scheme, pedestrians will benefit from spacious footways and improved road crossing points.

We have strived to improve the aesthetics of this prestigious area which will be enhanced by the use of high quality materials, including repaving the footways with Yorkstone and granite setts in the central islands. These are hard wearing and in keeping with the surrounding architecture.

The new two way scheme will achieve a much better flow of traffic through this very busy part of London."

FM Conway will continue to work along Piccadilly in phase two and the entire Piccadilly Two Way Scheme will be completed by December 2011.

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Notes to Editor:

FM Conway Limited has a strategic goal – zero waste to landfill by the end of 2012.

A leading multi-disciplined service provider, FM Conway operates from its head offices in Dartford, Kent, with strategic business centres across London and the South East.

The company provides a comprehensive range of highway maintenance, civil engineering and construction services, as well as professional services and structure and building maintenance. It has been able to develop a reputation for delivering cost-effective and high-performance solutions across both the public and private sectors.

Its new Asphalt Plant is now up and running and open. It produces asphalt with a high recycled content. Situated at the company's Thameside Wharf, the Asphalt plant offers the full range of British and European standard coated products.

Designed to incorporate the latest energy saving initiatives throughout its operations, including using cleaner fuels in the heating and drying processes, the new Asphalt Plant increases FM Conway's green credentials and is complimented by their established recycling facility located at Dartford.

FM Conway's Aggregates and Asphalt department is focused on providing high quality products and the highest level of customer service and efficiency within the London and South East markets.

Managing director Michael Conway and his team have built on the company to be one of the country's foremost innovators in wet waste and aggregates recycling.

Since its foundation in 1961, FM Conway has continued to grow and today employs a workforce of more than 1800 people. Their staff play an important role, and as their slogan says – great people, great work.

FM Conway is a member of the British Safety Council, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association, the British Association of Landscape Industries and the Quarry Products Association, as well as being BSI registered for environmental and quality management.