

## Liège - Summer rehabilitation of the E25-E40/A602 link: FAQ

### 1) For what period will the link be closed to traffic?

From 4 July to 23 August, the E25-E40/A602 link will be closed to traffic in both directions between interchange 38 "Angleur/Grosses Battes/Belle-Ile" and interchange 37 "Val Benoit/Seraing/Marche".

### 2) Will the entire E25-E40/A602 link be closed?

The E25-E40/A602 link will be closed from 4 July to 23 August in both directions of traffic between interchange 38 "Angleur/Grosses Battes/Belle-Ile" and interchange 37 "Val Benoit/Seraing/Marche".

It will therefore still be possible for local traffic to continue to use the Cointe tunnel on the left bank of the Meuse, with only one lane available towards Luxembourg.

### 3) Why not maintain even partial traffic?

During the floods of last July, a whole section of the E25-E40/A602 link, located on the right bank of the Meuse, was completely submerged by water and mud. In the aftermath of the floods, the affected equipment was replaced or repaired, partially and often temporarily, in order to restore 100% of the link as quickly as possible, with minimum safety standards. Many interventions require work lasting several weeks in a row. They cannot be carried out only at night, or even with traffic partially maintained.

In addition, the repair of the damage last summer precipitated an in-depth rehabilitation and upgrading that was to be carried out in the coming years within the framework of the Tunnel Plan, since the link has just celebrated its 22nd anniversary.

For several months, night closures have been used to prepare for this summer phase.

### 4) Why did you choose this period to close the link?

Many interventions require work lasting several weeks in a row. They cannot be carried out only at night, or even with traffic partially suspended.

These long rehabilitation works, which have the greatest impact on mobility, have been planned during the least inconvenient period for users, i.e. during the summer holidays, which have an average of 5,000 fewer vehicles per day: July and August each have an average of 80,000 users per day, compared to an average of 85,000 in other months. For several months, night closures have been used to prepare for this summer phase of the E25-E40/A602 link rehabilitation.

**5) Can I use the Liège conurbation if I drive a heavy goods vehicle of more than 7.5 tonnes for the transport of goods?**

In order to relieve the roads in the *Cité Ardente*, the Liège conurbation will be closed to **transit** vehicles of more than 7.5 tonnes used for the transport of goods. A detour will be set up via the E42/A15 and E411/A4 motorways. Regular checks will be carried out by the police in the Liège conurbation.

Only local services will be allowed.

**6) I drive a HGV of over 7.5 tonnes transporting goods from Luxembourg; what detours should I take?**

For transit traffic, a detour will be set up via the E411/A4 towards Namur, which eventually merges back towards the direction of Liège on the E42/A15 via the Dausoulx interchange.

**7) I drive a heavy goods vehicle of more than 7.5 tonnes coming from Germany (E40/A3) and the Netherlands (E25/A25) and I want to go to Luxembourg; what detours should I take?**

For transit traffic, a detour will be set up via the E42/A15 towards Namur and will merge back towards Luxembourg via the E411/A4.

**8) Can I use the Liège conurbation if I drive a vehicle longer than 6 m (in particular a caravan or a coach)?**

In order to relieve the roads in the *Cité Ardente*, the Liège conurbation will be closed to transit vehicles longer than 6 m - in particular caravans and coaches. A detour will be set up via the E42/A15 and E411/A4 motorways.

Only local services will be allowed.

**9) I drive a vehicle longer than 6 m long (e.g. a caravan, a coach) coming from Luxembourg; what detours should I take?**

For transit traffic, a diversion will be set up via the E411/A4 towards Namur, which merges back towards Liège on the E42/A15 via the Daussoulx interchange.

**10) I drive a vehicle longer than 6 m (e.g. a caravan, a coach) coming from Germany (E40/A3) and the Netherlands (E25/A25) and I want to reach Luxembourg; what detours should I take?**

For transit traffic, a detour will be set up via the E42/A15 towards Namur and will merge back towards Luxembourg via the E411/A4.

**11) Can I use the Liège conurbation if I drive a light vehicle?**

To relieve the roads in the *Cité Ardente*, the Liège conurbation will be closed to transit vehicles. A detour will be set up via the E42/A15 and E411/A4 motorways.

For local traffic, it will therefore still be possible to use the Cointe tunnel.

**12) I drive a light vehicle in transit from Luxembourg; what detours should I take?**

For transit traffic, a detour will be set up via the E411/A4 towards Namur and will merge back towards Liège on the E42/A15 via the Daussoulx interchange.

**13) I drive a light vehicle in transit from Germany (E40/A3) and the Netherlands (E25/A25) and I want to go to Luxembourg; what detours should I take?**

They will continue on the E42/A15 towards Namur and will merge back towards Luxembourg via the E411/A4.

**14) Why ban long vehicles and heavy goods vehicles from transit through the Liège conurbation?**

This measure should make it possible to relieve congestion on the city's roads: the size of these vehicles increases their impact on congestion tenfold, especially at junctions. As a reminder, in length, a vehicle that is longer than 6 m is equivalent to 3 or even 4 cars.