

Drivers in boost on M8 travel time

DAYTIME restrictions on a main motorway link up will be removed in days.

Transport bosses said motorists will be able to fit on a key part of Central Scotland's motorway, cutting journey times during peak periods.

It comes as it was revealed all daytime restrictions on the M8, M73 and M74 will be removed in the coming days, making travelling easier for motorists.

As part of the Motorways Improvement Project, a range of improvements have been built over the last three years, including a new M8 motorway, significant improvements to Raith and Shawhead junctions as well as the widening of the M8, M73 and M74.

Keith Brown, the Cabinet Secretary

for Economy, Jobs and Fair work said:

"Scotland's economy will start to see the economic benefit of this half billion pound investment in the nation's infrastructure. These huge improvements to the Central Scotland motorway network, which had been operating significantly beyond capacity, will improve connections for business and road users alike.

"This will unleash the economic benefits which lie at the heart of this project. This will result of better journey times during peak periods, better connectivity, journey time reliability, and road safety – improving access to facilities and employment areas."

The announcement comes less than five weeks after the new M8 motorway opened to traffic.