

2020 No. 126

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2020

Made - - - - *6th February 2020*

Coming into force - - *28th February 2020*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 163(3)(d), 167(1)(a) and (2)(a), 168(1) and (2) and 171(1)(e) of the Transport Act 2000^(a), makes the following Order.

Appropriate persons have been notified of the proposed variation in accordance with regulation 11(3)(a) of the Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001^(b). Notices have also been published in accordance with regulation 11(3)(b) of those Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2020.

(2) It comes into force on 28th February 2020 and remains in force indefinitely.

Amendments to the 2013 Order

2.—(1) The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2013^(c) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 1, for paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) This Order remains in force indefinitely.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

6th February 2020

Vere
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

(a) 2000 c. 38. Section 167(1)(a) was amended by the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), paragraph 126 of Schedule 1. Section 168(2) is amended by the Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26), paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (c. 20), paragraph 109 of Schedule 6. There are further amendments to sections 163, 167 and 171 which are not relevant to this Order.

(b) S.I. 2001/2303.

(c) S.I. 2013/2249.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Part III of the Transport Act 2000 authorises the Secretary of State to make, amend or revoke a trunk road charging scheme in respect of roads for which a strategic highways company is the traffic authority, and which are carried by a bridge, or pass through a tunnel, of at least 600 metres in length. Subject to the exceptions outlined in the Appointment of a Strategic Highways Company Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/376), Highways England Company Limited (company number 9346363) was appointed as the highway authority for all highways within England for which the Secretary of State was the highway authority immediately before that Order, which includes the A282. Highways England Company Limited is also the traffic authority for these roads by virtue of section 121A(1AB) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27).

The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Charging Scheme) Order 2013 (“the 2013 Order”) introduced the current charging scheme in respect of the roads carried by the Dartford Crossing. The 2013 Order, by virtue of article 1(2), was to cease to have effect at the end of the period of seven years from 1st October 2013. Article 3 of this Order removes that provision and, instead, provides that the 2013 Order will remain in force indefinitely.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it amends provision relating to a charge and so, by virtue of section 22(4)(a) of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c. 26), is not a “regulatory provision” for the purpose of the Business Impact Target pursuant to sections 21 and 23 to 25 of that Act. The impact assessment that accompanied the 2013 Order is available on www.legislation.gov.uk, or a hard copy can be obtained from Peter Steele at the Road Investment Strategy Futures Division, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR.

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