Transport Scotland is warning motorists to expect significant delays on the M74 and surrounding roads as the motorway **will be closed** from Junction 4 Maryville to Junction 5 Raith for a weekend in November.

As part of the M8 M73 M74 Motorway Improvements Project, the M74 will be closed to all traffic in both directions from 8pm on Friday 18th November to 6am on Monday 21st November 2016. This closure is required to safely demolish Bothwellpark Road Bridge.

The weekend closure will result in no access from the M73 to the M74 southbound at Junction 4 Maryville or to the M74 northbound at Junction 5 Raith. Signed diversion routes will be in place via the A725, A8 and the M73, although Transport Scotland is warning road users to expect major delays on all surrounding routes as a result of the M74 closure. Scotrail will be adding additional carriages to train services from local stations on that weekend.

We expect that this will have an impact on local roads. If possible, you should avoid travelling by car in the area on this weekend. In terms of council service delivery, appropriate plans are being put in place.