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Olympia Odos turned the page. The Korinthos – Patras NNR construction works are already in progress and they are developing quickly day by day along its entire length. The drivers may now see the earthworks, the widening works, the construction of overpasses and underpasses, the lane covers, the tunnels, the retaining walls, the culverts, the interchanges, the bridges and the other important structures that are being constructed on either side of the road.

This is why we need to **pay attention!** Olympia Odos is the most difficult and complex motorway construction project currently in Greece, since its new alignment mainly follows the current alignment. **Consequently, the drivers are traveling along or next to the construction sites and the workers are working next to an operational road axis.**

In this issue of our Newsletter you will find information about the progress of the works as well as about the traffic arrangements which are necessary for the construction of the project. Furthermore, you will find information about the OLYMPIA PASS discount programs and advice on road safety.

In every issue of this newsletter we will present you a member of the Olympia Odos "family"; in the present issue we start by presenting the Patrol Team personnel who watch over the road on a 24 hours a day basis assisting vehicles that are involved in incidents and providing road assistance.

Olympia Odos, always aiming at promoting Road Safety in Greece, continues reinforcing its road safety actions, the students' information and awareness programs, by organizing visits to the operation and maintenance facilities and the Traffic Management Center, as well as campaigns in cooperation with relevant bodies (e.g. Road Safety Institute "Panos Mylonas").

Furthermore, it is worth noting that throughout the works suspension period, the 500 employees of the Operator continued working (24 hours a day, 365 days a year) to ensure the maintenance and operation of the motorway, thus offering high level services to the users, achieving tangible results.

We wish you a lot of safe trips!
The Olympia Odos Team

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More than 20 worksite zones and 2,000 employees in the second quarter of 2014

The construction works in the new sections of the Korinthos – Patras Motorway are fully developing and currently the image of the road is really impressive. More than 20 worksite zones extend over 120 km and in particular from Ancient Korinthos interchange up to the Patras Bypass.

The growth aspect of the project, however, is evident mainly thanks to the large number of workers. Today, the number of workers directly employed at the road worksites has reached 2.000, while the local economies are

significantly boosted by the indirectly employed population (local suppliers, staff of small-sized subcontractors and other businesses).

It is typical that the worksite staff increased by more than 60% from the first to the second quarter of 2014, while the project is developing and progresses at a fast pace. Sections of the project and important structures (overpasses, interchanges, tunnels, bridges) are progressively being completed, while new worksites are installed.

53%
completion progress

120km
of motorway

20
worksite zones

More than
2000
employees

60%
staff increase (2nd quarter
vs 1st quarter of 2014)

224
bridges, overpasses
and underpasses
with a
52%
completion
percentage

12 tunnels – 16 km
with a completion
percentage of
78%

*Figures as of August 2014

The first section of the Motorway opened to traffic

The first 7km section of the new branch from Ancient Korinthos Interchange to Zevgotatio was opened to traffic in early August, in the presence of the Minister ITN Mr. M. Chrysochoides.

In the future, this section will constitute the right traffic branch of the Motorway (direction to Patras). Provisionally, this section will serve both traffic directions (to Patras and to Korinthos), until the completion of the construction of the branch to Athens, in about 10 months.

During his visit at the Project, the Minister ITN made the following statement: "For the first time, in about a year and a half or even less, just one hour will be required to travel the 120 km of Korinthos – Patras motorway. It will be a modern and safe motorway."



Ladopotamos



Ancient Korinthos



Thalero

Kalavryta Interchange: the ramp to Patras opened to traffic

The construction is completed and the ramp to Patras of Ladopotamos Bridge, at Kalavryta Interchange, was opened to traffic last May. Currently, the reconstruction of the ramp to Athens is in progress.

You can watch amazing videos of the demolition at www.olympiaodos.gr

The new Ancient Korinthos Bridge opened to traffic

On Friday, July 11th, the new Ancient Korinthos Bridge was opened to traffic. From now on, all trips to and from Korinthos and Ancient Korinthos are now made through the interchange and the new bridge.

The bridge was reconstructed within four months and was quickly delivered to traffic in order to minimize discomfort caused to the adjacent areas.

Demolition of Saiteika and Thalerio Bridges

Saiteika Bridge, at Kiato, was demolished using mechanical equipment, in mid-May, while Thalerio Bridge, located between Kiato and Xylokastro, in early June. During the works period, the traffic was diverted to the Old National Road.

The new motorway will have two traffic lanes and an Emergency Lane per direction, and therefore it will be wider. This is why it is necessary to replace most of the structures (bridges, overpasses etc.) in order to adjust them to the new upgraded features of the road.

10 demolition operations concerning bridges and overpasses have been made to date, while a significant number still needs to be implemented.

Such operations are typical of the difficulties of the Project, since large scale mobilizations and a well-coordinated plans are required to ensure the safety conditions for both the employees and the drivers.

Traffic arrangements from Korinthos to Patras

In this page you will find all the traffic arrangements that are currently in place, in order to prepare and adjust your driving behavior. The exclusion of lanes, the narrowings and all other arrangements are necessary interventions in order for workers on the Project and drivers to coexist with safety.

Remember:

- All along the road, there are **emergency stop areas** where you can temporarily stop in
- You can **call 1025** directly from your mobile and soon the people of Olympia Odos will be there to assist you

Descriptions of works in progress:

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| 1 Overpasses, Underpasses and other structures | 9 Lane cover and other structures in the Platanos area |
| 2 Canopy at the Melissi area | 10 Kalavryta I/C and new sections of motorway |
| 3 New Bridge | 11 New Bridge |
| 4 New Bridge | 12 New motorway sections at the Nikoleika area |
| 5 Lykoporia overpass | 13 New motorway sections at the Aegio area |
| 6 Ligia overpass | 14 15 Panagopoula tunnels |
| 7 New Derveni I/C | 16 Structures and widenings |
| 8 Krathis river Bridge and other structures in the Akrata area | 17 Rio I/C |

New motorway sections in temporary operation






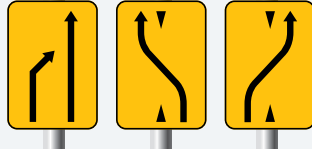


- 1 New motorway section of Ancient Korinthos – Zegvolatio toll station

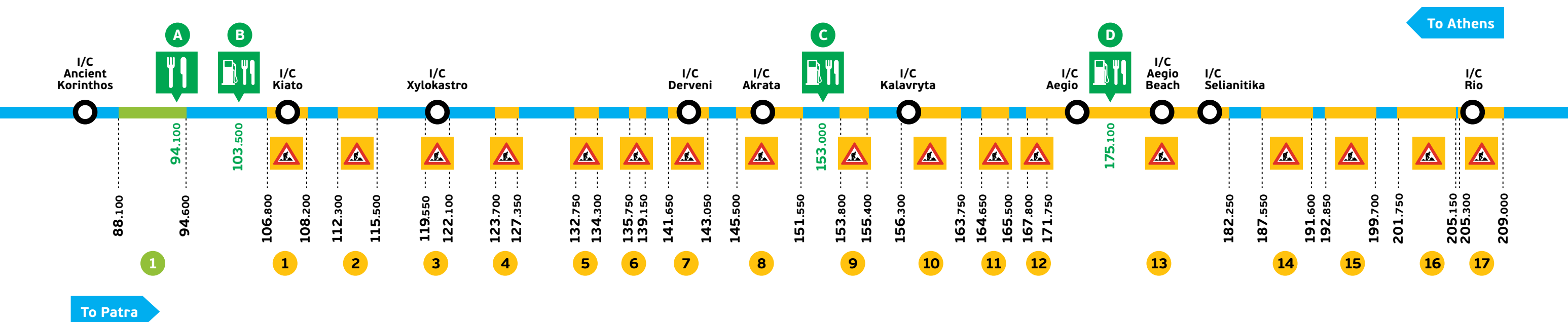
Motorist Service Stations:

A in the direction of Athens only

B C D in both directions

While driving in work zones follow these simple rules:

Before the construction zones	In the construction zones	Other advice
 Alerts you of the distance to the construction zones.	 Do not overtake.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not rush to overtake prior to the construction zones. Only overtake when allowed and pass safely. Keep a safe distance from other vehicles. Stay focused on driving and avoid distractions. Avoid sudden brakes.
 Alerts you of the correct speed limit.	 Pay attention to the bollards.	
 Alerts you of the lane arrangements so you can adjust your driving behavior and change lanes on time.	  <p>In case of emergency, try to safely reach the nearest emergency stop area.</p> <p>Call the 1025 emergency line.</p>	



* As applicable on September 1, 2014

The importance of the Emergency Lane (EL): a story with a happy ending

"Good afternoon, My name is S.N. Yesterday, at about 21.30 p.m., my son Nicolas fell and hit his head, in our summer house in the area of Kinetta. I had to transfer him to the hospital for examination. When I entered the National Road everything was blocked, and therefore I didn't know when I would reach the hospital. I told my wife to call 1025, and just maybe they could do something. The result of the phone call was so impressive that I really would like to share it with you. Two (2) different persons spoke with us and calmed us down, telling us not to worry since a patrol vehicle was waiting for us right after the tunnel which would escort us up to Attiki Odos, where another patrol vehicle would escort us up to Kifissias Avenue, where another patrol vehicle was waiting for us!!! As a result, within 35 minutes – yes you read correctly, within 35 minutes – we got from Kinetta to Maroussi. I cannot find words to thank you enough and I wish success to all of you and happiness to your families. I kindly ask you to warmly congratulate the two men. Our son is doing very well and thanks you all.

Yours sincerely, S.N."

This story is real and thankfully had a happy ending. On the occasion, however, of this incident, we have to highlight the importance of the EL (Emergency Lane).

Traveling along the EL is not only prohibited by the Traffic Regulation Code, but also creates important problems to the access of the emergency vehicles (Traffic Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulances, and motorway service vehicles).

It is obvious that no one wants to remain "stuck" in traffic. However, by using the EL just to reach our destination a few minutes earlier, we may, unintentionally, harm our fellow-man, by hindering the emergency services from reaching him/her in due time.

Care for your fellow man,
DO NOT DRIVE ON THE E.L.!



Our people

Patrol personnel

42 Patrol and Road Assistance employees supervise the road network 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, in order to promptly and effectively respond to emergencies and take the appropriate measures to improve road safety and provide assistance to the users. Patrols are based at Nea Peramos, Kiato, Akrata and Patras.

They are coordinated by the staff of the two Traffic Management Centers located in the area of Kakia Skala and the Patras Bypass. The patrols act jointly with the Intervention Teams and the specialized road assistance associates, while they cooperate and support the emergency services (Traffic Police, Fire Brigade and the Ambulances).

Since the commencement of the motorway operation to date, more than 20,000 interventions for assistance in case of incidents are made per year, i.e. 60-65 interventions daily, which mainly concern immobilized vehicles, objects on the road etc.

The prompt, polite and professional service provided by the Patrol Team personnel to passing drivers is reflected in the positive comments and thanks that we receive from people who have received such service.

"26.05.2014

My husband and I want to warmly congratulate your employee who helped us in our white DACIA jeep, yesterday evening at about 7.00 p.m. and approximately 300 m ahead of the Aigion Entrance. His professionalism, his perfect training and his compassion helped us complete our trip to Patras. Olympia Odos is not impersonal any more, but now has a human face.

Bravo.
Th. & A. S."

OLYMPIA PASS: Discount programs

Save up to
60%



OLYMPIA PASS

Olympia Odos created the discount programs ELEFSINA Value and ISTHMOS Value which ensure progressive discounts of 15% to 60%.

Being a subscriber of OLYMPIA PASS or the MotoCard, the frequent user of Olympia Odos (private vehicles and motorcycles) may enjoy progressive discounts for their passages from the frontal toll stations of Elefsina or Isthmos, which may reach 60%.



Furthermore, the subscribers of OLYMPIA PASS and the MotoCard enjoy a 10% discount from their first passage, over the already discounted toll rates at Zevgolatio and Rion. This offer is valid for all vehicle categories.

OLYMPIA PASS & Interoperability

The modern electronic toll system of Olympia Odos, in addition to the comfortable and easy passages that it offers, allows you to use the OLYMPIA PASS transponder, thanks to the Interoperability services, also on Attiki Odos, Moreas Motorway, the Rion-Antirion Bridge and Aegean Motorway.



Pass easily everywhere

Easy to get, just a free phone call away!

Thanks to OLYMPIA PASS you can shorten your passage from the toll stations, since you do not need to stop your vehicle. Thus, passages become easier, quicker and more inexpensive thanks to the special discount programs.

The procedure for getting the transponder is easy. Just call **22960 95555** and you will receive the transponder at home by courier, **free of charge**. Then, you can reload your account at all toll stations, using the manned lanes.

No need for change anymore!

Lanes of... human communication

Olympia Odos continues supporting vulnerable groups, by offering food to the Holy Metropolis of Megara, to the Efthimeio Center of Corinth and the Municipal Care Office of the Municipality of Patras.



Our company supported, for another year, the actions of the **Hellenic Red Cross**, by offering clothing.

Olympia Odos supported the **Forest Service of Patras** by providing the necessary machinery to conduct fire prevention works in the greater area of Aigion. We all do whatever we can to protect even the smallest branch.



12th Volunteer Blood Donors Torch Relay. The 12th Volunteer Blood Donors Torch Relay was held once again with the support of Olympia Odos. We all welcomed the "Flame of Love" that started from Olympia Odos to send the message of fraternization and solidarity to Greek cities.



We support the actions of the Sea Turtle Protection Society **ARCHELON**. You can find information on the protection of the Caretta Caretta turtles and the actions of the Society at www.archelon.gr



Our Company provided assistance for the signage of the routes by supplying the necessary materials (traffic cones and plastic New Jersey barriers) for this year's **Acropolis Rally**.



We support the **Association for Psychiatric Health** of Patras in organizing their 2nd camp at Klitoria, Kalavrita.



Olympia Odos supported the handball team of **Poseidon Sports Club of Loutraki**, which finished in fourth place in the Championship, and made all of us very proud!

Learn everything about Olympia Odos

The webpage of Olympia Odos is constantly enriched. Visit our website at www.olympiados.gr and get informed about the actions and activities of our Company, as well as the latest traffic arrangements.



In our website you can find:

- Photos and videos on the progress of works
- Maps with the traffic arrangements and description of the works per road section
- The annual and semi-annual environmental reports of the Project
- Information about OLYMPIA PASS and the discount programs
- Road safety advice
- Information and weather forecasts

We are looking forward to your ideas and suggestions about what you expect to find on our website. Contact us at info@olympiados.gr

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Please fill in your e-mail address to receive our newsletter and information about the traffic arrangements on Olympia Odos by e-mail.

Progress recording video

We regularly record the progress of the works by means of a camera mounted on a vehicle's roof, so that everybody can see the works implemented along the road.