

acesa and aucat introduce a traffic system to cover journeys on their road network this summer

- From 23 to 24 June, the San Juan holiday, road works to widen the AP-7 motorway will be suspended on the Maçanet - Fornells section in the province of Girona. To facilitate travel in the summer months work on the southbound lanes will be suspended on this section from 10 July to 1 September, and on the northbound lanes from 30 July to 1 September .
 - The system which will be brought into operation during the summer months includes reinforcing road support services with tow trucks in the area where the AP-7 is being widened and increased staffing of the toll booths and the Operations Centre.
 - acesa and aucat will make available to users their new *Infotráfico* information service, based on Google maps, which gives on-line information about conditions on the motorway network. The system allows traffic conditions to be viewed in real time via 19 webcams.
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Barcelona, 11 June 2009.- acesa and aucat will set up a traffic system for the San Juan holiday (23-24 June) and during the summer months to facilitate movement and provide coverage for road journeys on the network managed by the two concessionaires. The system includes a number of measures to provide better service for road users and meet the needs arising from the increase in the number of vehicles at this time.

Work currently being carried out to widen the Maçanet-Fornells section of the AP-7 in Girona province will be suspended on 23-24 June to make travelling easier in the area. Starting in July the summer operation will come into effect. This is a time of year when roads to the coast and holiday areas in the mountains experience very heavy traffic.

Roadwork will be suspended on the southbound side from 10 July to 1 September and on the northbound side from 30 July. Lane width will be restored to the width before extension work began.

Work will continue off the road surface to ensure early completion but it will not interfere with traffic. In areas where the width of the hard shoulder has been reduced because of extension work, lay-bys have been provided for cars to stop in the event of emergency.

In Tarragona province the recently opened third lane between Mediterráneo and Vila-seca/Salou will provide capacity for a greater number of vehicles and will improve conditions for users of this section of the AP-7.

acesa and **aucat** will also make extra staff available on these days to provide better service for users and meet the needs brought about by the increase in traffic. More breakdown service teams with tow trucks will be on duty in the AP-7 extension area in Girona and there will be more staff at other points including toll booths and the Operations Centre.

To improve traffic flow **acesa** and **aucat** recommend that drivers check traffic conditions before starting their journey. Users can consult the www.autopistas.com and www.aucat.es websites, which offer full information in real time and a traffic forecast for the road network they manage. Drivers are also recommended to plan their journeys, and to avoid times when heavy traffic is expected.

New information service on traffic conditions

acesa and **aucat** will make available to users the new **Infotráfico** information service, based on maps supplied by Google Maps. Through its website **Infotráfico** provides information about traffic conditions and any problems which may arise on the motorway network, as well as updates on electronic information panels, weather stations and service at different points in the network. The system allows traffic conditions to be viewed in real time via 19 webcams.

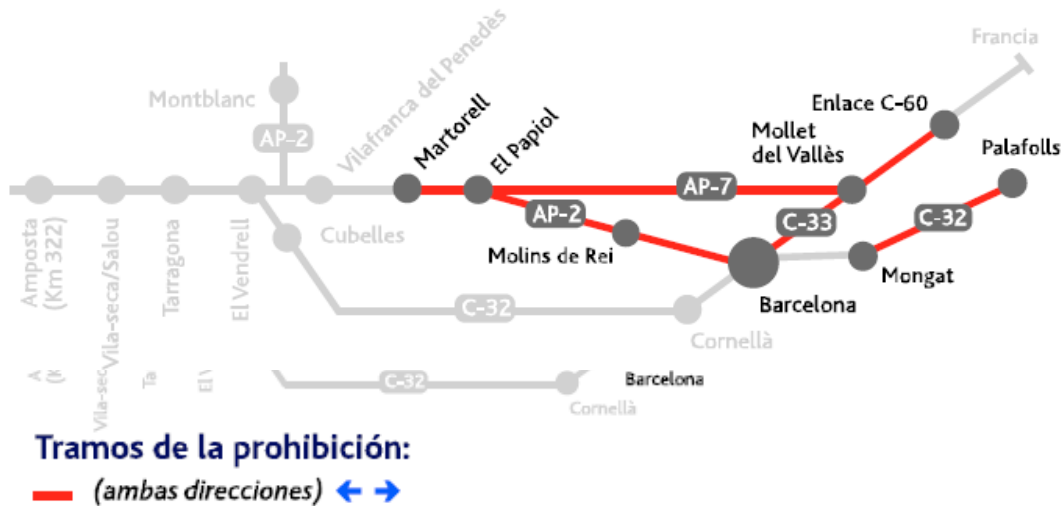
More measures for the summer

These measures are in addition to those planned by the *Catalan Traffic Service* (SCT) during the summer, a period when roads to the coast and holiday areas in the mountains experience very heavy traffic. These measures include a ban on the movement of goods vehicles whose maximum authorised mass (MAM) exceeds 7.5 tonnes and goods vehicles of any MAM on certain sections at certain times on certain days.

Ban on movement of heavy goods vehicles (Catalan Traffic Service)

San Juan

Tuesday 23 June from 6 pm to midnight



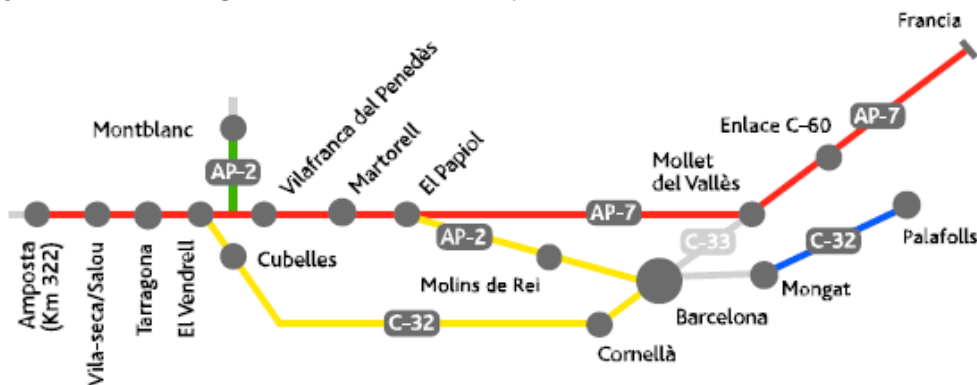
Summer (July and August)

Saturdays 18 and 25 July from 9 am to 2 pm

Friday 31 July from 2 pm to 10 pm

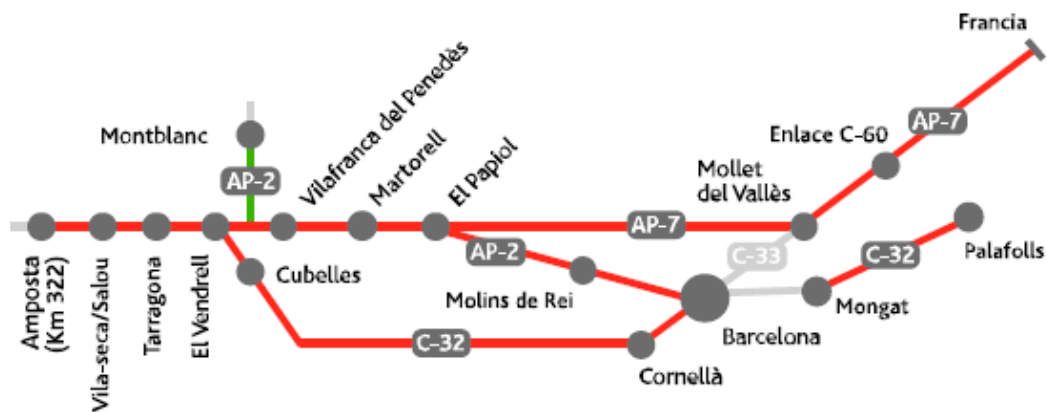
Saturday 1 August from 8 am to 2 pm

Saturdays 8 and 29 August from 9 am to 2 pm



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- (both directions) ⇔
- (towards Girona) ⇨

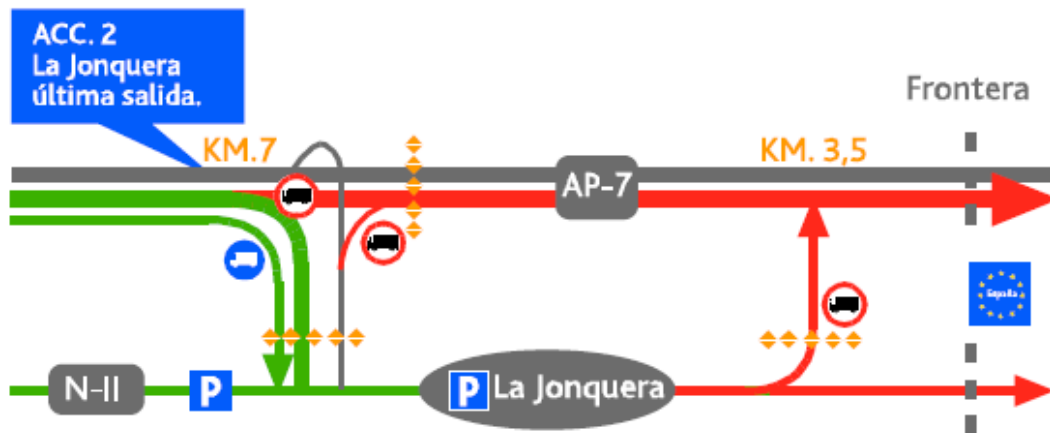
Sundays 19 and 26 July from 3 pm to 10 pm
 Sundays 2, 9 and 30 August from 3 pm to 10 pm



Sections affected by ban:

- (both directions) ⇔
- (towards Barcelona) ⇨

Monday 13 July from 10 pm to midnight
 Tuesday 14 July from midnight to 10 pm
 Saturdays 18 and 25 July and 1 and 8 August from 7 am to 7 pm
 Friday 14 August from 8 pm to 10 pm
 Saturday 15 August from midnight to 10 pm



Appendix

Information services

- The **Blue phone 902.20.03.20**. All the **acesa** network's information for road users available 24 hours a day. Traffic conditions, routes, customer service and useful phone numbers. This service gives **acesa** customers access to all the information they need to plan their journeys, especially important on these days of large scale departures, when there are substantial peaks in the volume of traffic.
- **Radiopista**. This is a radio service, with its own team in the Operations Centre, providing information about traffic conditions throughout the **acesa**, network and on all other roads in Spain.
- **The website www.autopistas.com**. Information about traffic on all the roads in the network managed by **acesa**, forecasts, information about traffic in real time, services, and information for drivers to plan their journeys. The **Infotráfico** service is also available.
- **Electronic information panels**. This is the most immediate form of information for road users. They are located at strategic points on the **acesa** and **aucat** network and at different junctions on the motorway. Drivers can thus obtain information about traffic and weather conditions and the measures applied during special periods, in real time and for specific sections of their journeys. On the AP-7, on a 45 km stretch between La Roca and Maçanet, they can also check their journey time.
- **TV cameras**. **acesa** and **aucat** have closed circuit television with over 100 cameras. The number is constantly being increased. Located at strategic points in the network, they provide valuable real time information on traffic

conditions. Drivers can then be informed immediately via the electronic road signs. Information is also provided by the cameras operated by the Government of Catalonia's Catalan Traffic Service.

- **Infopista.** At the Montseny Service Area there is a Tourist Information Service which offers personalised attention, information on traffic, routes, first night hotel bookings, and general information for tourists.

Assistance to road users

All this real time information is used in the services available to assist road users. They include:

- **Assistance to road users.** This service is provided through a contract with the RACC. Its distinctive yellow vehicles cover the whole **acesa** and **aucat** network 24 hours a day. Its purpose is to detect and report on any incidents which can disrupt traffic, those related to the roads themselves and those caused by traffic, weather and any other external factor, and affect the safety and comfort of road users.
- **Red Cross Medical Assistance Service.** The Red Cross has posts in the service areas at el Penedès (AP-7), Empordà (AP-7), la Selva (AP-7), Lleida (AP-2) and Pina de Ebro (AP-2). These posts are operative 138 days a year, when the heaviest volumes of traffic are expected, such as weekends, summer and the beginning and end of holiday periods.
- **SOS Posts.** These can be found every two kilometres. They are clearly identified by their orange colour and the international SOS symbol. They are operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- **Mechanical assistance.** **acesa** and **aucat** have set up a mechanical assistance service which accepts any insurance company's roadside assistance plan.
- All these services are coordinated from **acesa's** and **aucat's** Operation Centres, which are also permanently in contact with the institutions responsible for traffic: the Catalan Traffic Service in Catalonia, the General Directorate of Traffic in Aragon, and the **umar** Operations Centre.