



## The Birmingham Eastside Extension

### Who is in the Midland Metro Alliance?

West Midlands Combined Authority, the design consortium of Egis, Tony Gee and Pell Frischmann and contractor Colas Rail (supported by their sub-alliance partners Colas Limited, Barhale, Bouygues UK and Auctus Management Group) came together to form the MMA in July 2016.

The aim of the alliance is to help deliver a lasting legacy, aiding social and economic regeneration across the region.

The Midland Metro Alliance is transforming the West Midlands by delivering the best integrated transport system for the future. Working on behalf of the West Midlands Combined Authority, the Midland Metro Alliance is expanding the tram network by approximately 34km helping to enable social and economic regeneration across the region.

In 2016, a Transport and Works Act Order application was submitted to extend the tram line to Digbeth and serve the planned High Speed 2 (HS2) station at Curzon Street. This route will separate from the existing line at Bull Street and will end at a new terminus at High Street Deritend. There are four additional tram stops and when completed, the tram will offer direct connections with New Street, Moor Street and Snow Hill Railway Stations, in addition to the new HS2 Station.

The scheme also includes a new bus interchange adjacent to Clayton Hotel Birmingham to replace bus stops that will need to be moved and to provide an efficient bus, Sprint and coach interchange with HS2.

### The headline benefits of this route are...

- More people using the tram in this area for day-to-day travel, resulting in journey time savings and reduced congestion
- Providing new and improved public transport links for the East of Birmingham City Centre and Digbeth allowing easy travel between population, education and employment centres of the city
- Connecting the HS2 station to the tram network and maximising interchange opportunities with various modes of public transport including bus, train, sprint and coach
- Regeneration across the area, including attracting further developments

A decision on the application is expected in 2018, with the aim that enabling works and construction will begin as soon as possible afterwards. Passenger services could begin in 2022, ahead of the opening of the HS2 station at Curzon Street in 2026.

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