



The Birmingham Eastside Extension

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) has embarked upon an ambitious plan to regenerate the region and to provide new opportunities for residents and businesses. Central to this plan is the expansion of the Metro network which will triple in size by 2026, providing high quality, safe and dependable tram travel across much of the region.

The Midland Metro Alliance has been appointed by the WMCA to deliver the Metro network throughout the region.

Who is the Midland Metro Alliance?

The Midland Metro Alliance was formed in 2016 and is a team of planning, design and construction specialists responsible for building five new tram extensions by 2026 on behalf the West Midlands Combined Authority.

The Birmingham Eastside Extension is one of five extensions that we are developing as part of the expansion of the Metro network. Our projects include new routes along Broad Street to Edgbaston, Wednesbury to Brierley Hill and Birmingham Airport.

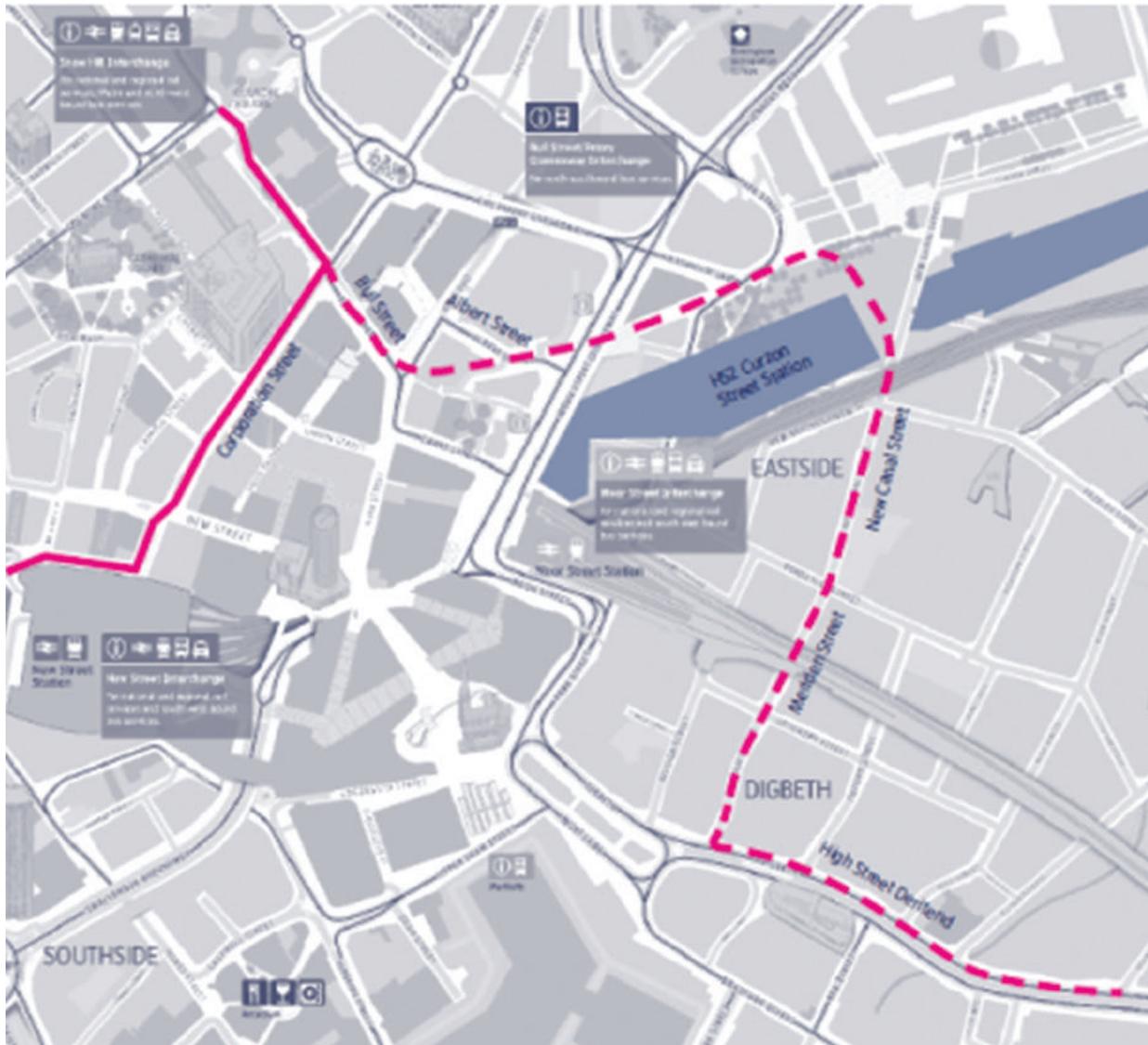
What is the plan for Birmingham Eastside?

This route will run from the existing Midland Metro line at Bull Street and will serve the HS2 station at Curzon Street, providing new and improved public transport links for the east of Birmingham City Centre and Digbeth.

The Birmingham Eastside extension will also provide easy connections with New Street, Moor Street and Snow Hill stations, helping to maximise interchange opportunities with other modes of transport, making journeys faster and more accessible, in turn helping businesses and supporting employment opportunities. interchange opportunities with other modes of transport, making journeys faster and more accessible, in turn helping businesses and supporting employment opportunities.

The proposed extension will be 1.7km long, running to a new terminus at High Street Deritend. It will be open for passengers in 2022, ahead of the opening of the HS2 station in 2026.

Recently, a public inquiry into the proposed extension was held and closed early without any objections. The Midland Metro Alliance is now awaiting a decision from the Secretary of State.



What are the benefits?

Once the extension is open for passenger service the new line will have four additional Metro stops serving the east of the city centre. The construction will also improve the public realm in Digbeth High Street, while public transport links will result in more people using the Metro for day-to-day travel, reducing road congestion in the city centre.

What happens next?

Currently the Midland Metro Alliance are at the Preliminary design stage of the project. We are developing the design further and as part of this we will be looking at gathering further information from stakeholders. In the coming months, we will be writing to businesses and meeting local people to discuss the benefits of this proposed extension.

How can I get further information?

Did you know there is a dedicated Midland Metro Alliance Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the Birmingham Eastside Extension?



Ranjeet Sidhu is on hand to help answer any questions you may have about the scheme.

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