Welcome

‘Westside Weekly’ is a newsletter designed to keep those working and living in the area up-to-date on the progress of the Birmingham Westside Metro extension.

To view past issues of the newsletter please visit http://www.metroalliance.co.uk/projects/birmingham-westside-extension/.

Traffic update

As utility diversions continue to progress, there will be temporary traffic lights outside The Brasshouse pub, in Broad Street from Monday (18 June) until further notice.

Two-way traffic lights that were due to be in operation opposite Quayside Tower earlier this week will now start on Monday (18 June) until Friday 6 July.

There will be shuttle-lane running outside of the Symphony Hall from Monday 25 June for six weeks while emergency gas work is carried out.

There is currently a partial closure on Ryland Street, with access from Broad Street, until Friday 6 July. From Monday 9 July to Friday 17 August, access to Ryland Street will be via Grosvenor Street West.

Traffic changes are also still in place along Broad Street as part of the ongoing construction work. Broad Street is accessible to buses, Hackney Carriages and servicing vehicles between Granville Street and Paradise Circus Queensway. This will be a long-term restriction whilst the Metro extension is under construction.

Bridge Street is closed at the junction of Broad Street and Centenary Square, with access maintained for pedestrians and cyclists only. Three pick-up points for taxis and private vehicles have been installed.

Metro extension works this week

Victoria Square
The steps in Victoria Square have been removed and are now ready to be reconstructed. When rebuilt, they will be moved back slightly. This will provide additional space for the Metro to pass when in operation.

Broad Street
Work to decommission the existing gas services has commenced on Broad Street. This work, which is being carried out to ensure there are no underground services beneath the tram track, is currently ongoing.

Water and gas main utility diversion works are also continuing at the junction of Bridge Street and Broad Street.

Pinfold Street
Strengthening works, including plastering and the construction of a cast ring beam to boost structural integrity, in some property basements in Pinfold Street will be continuing over the coming weeks.

Paradise Circus Queensway
Excavation for new structures is ongoing along Paradise Circus and Paradise Street.

Children’s hoarding designs

As a member of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, the Midland Metro Alliance has been working with children at Regents Park Community Primary School to design hoarding panels to enhance the construction site at Victoria Square. They will be installed within the next month.

Partnership award nomination

Last week the Midland Metro Alliance learned it had been nominated for two awards in the British Construction Industry Awards, including one category which recognises the MMA as an excellent example of partnership working.

Meet senior team on a walkabout

There’s still time to schedule a chat with TfWM Managing Director, Laura Shoaf and Director of West Midlands Metro, Phil Hewitt, on their route walk with the Midland Metro Alliance Birmingham Westside Project Director, Steve Grimes. If you would like them to pop in to speak with you on any of the following dates, please email: communications@metroalliance.co.uk.

2 July 9 October
4 July 12 December
28 August 15 October
5 September 2 November
9 October 12 November
15 October 19 December

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