Welcome

Welcome to the second ‘Westside Weekly’ 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/.

Metro extension works this week

Works to extend the Metro to the Westside of Birmingham are continuing as planned.

Pinfold Street

Resilience works to the existing drainage system are ongoing and new drainage is also being installed. Strengthening works in some property basements in Pinfold Street are expected to be completed in the summer.

Victoria Square

Hoarding in Victoria Square has recently been extended to accommodate the ongoing construction works, which includes re-profiling the steps to provide event seating areas.

Paradise Circus Queensway

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

Broad Street

Water and gas main utility diversion works are continuing along Broad Street. This work is due to be completed in the summer.

Survey works to identify what utilities are underground are also taking place along Bath Row, at the junction with Islington Row.

Hoarding promotes diversity

The hoarding in Victoria Square was changed recently to mark Birmingham Pride and encourage more LGBTQ individuals to consider careers in the construction, civils and transport industries.

Meet senior team on a walkabout

Each month, TfWM Managing Director, Laura Shoaf and Metro Programme Director, Phil Hewitt, walk the route together 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.

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

Employing local people

A Senior Delivery Manager for the Westside Extension has been presented with an award for his contribution to employing local people. Paul Edwards has been given a Walsall Works Bronze Award for recruiting people from the town into positions on the project.

Traffic update

As utility diversions progress, there will be two-way traffic lights in operation along Broad Street, opposite Quayside Tower, from Monday 11 to Friday 29 June. At Hampton by Hilton hotel there will be two-way traffic and pedestrian signals from Monday 2 July, for a number of weeks.

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.

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