



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.

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.

Birmingham Westside Extension

This extension is the next phase of works following the tram extension from St Chads to Grand Central which opened for passenger service in May 2016. Construction on this extension, which is a little over 2km in length and will be delivered in two phases, started in summer 2017. When fully completed trams will operate between Grand Central in the city centre to Hagley Road in Edgbaston.

The first phase of development will continue from Grand Central, past Birmingham's Town Hall to Centenary Square. The extension will provide tram stops serving Victoria Square and the Paradise and Arena Central developments at the redeveloped Centenary Square.

When this first phase of the Birmingham Westside extension is open for passengers the 840-metre route will operate on battery power throughout and will be the first tramway in the UK to do so. Tram operation on battery power removes the need to fix electric wires to the listed buildings along the route, reducing the aesthetic and environmental footprint of the project.

Phase two of the Birmingham Westside Extension will see the tramway further extended from Centenary Square along Broad Street to Hagley Road in Edgbaston (just west of Five Ways).

This part of the overall extension will be approximately 1.35km long and together with the Hagley Road terminus will feature intermediate stops at Brindleyplace and Five Ways.

The Midland Metro Alliance will also be improving the public realm as part of their works in the area project, including planting trees along the route.

Trams are expected to operate to Centenary Square by 2019/2020 and Edgbaston in 2021.

