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.

Traffic update

One lane will continue to run under temporary traffic lights outside of the Symphony Hall from Monday 2 July until Friday 10 August while gas works are carried out.

Traffic is currently restricted to one lane coming into Broad Street (towards Paradise Circus) until next Friday 6 July for the removal of the remaining rumble strip (central reservation). Two-way traffic lights will also be in operation opposite Quayside Tower for water works.

The current partial closure on Ryland Street with access from Broad Street, will continue until next Friday 6 July. Meanwhile, from Monday 9 July to Friday 17 August, access to Ryland Street will be via Grosvenor Street West. This is to allow water connection works to take place.

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

Excavation works for the new track slab are continuing in Victoria Square, while construction of the new steps is halfway completed. Meanwhile, the cobble paving that was found in Victoria Square during the works has been confirmed by archaeologists to be from the mid-to-late 1800s. It is believed to have been part of an earlier extension of Pinfold Street. Hoarding in Victoria Square will be moved back slightly on Thursday 5 July to accommodate the Colmore Food Festival taking place from Friday 6 July to Saturday 7 July.

Broad Street

Water and gas main utility diversion works are continuing along Broad Street, including decommissioning work to ensure there are no underground services beneath the tram track.

Pinfold Street

Excavation works to prepare for the laying of the new track slab is ongoing. The works are currently taking place at the top of Pinfold Street, before moving down the street.

Paradise Circus Queensway

Excavation works is also continuing along Paradise Circus and Paradise Street for the retaining wall of what will be the Victoria Square tram stop.

Phase 2 consultation

Consultation will be taking place for the second phase of the Westside extension from Centenary Square to Hagley Road, in Edgbaston. Letters have been sent out to those who will be directly affected. Residents can also see the proposals during an information event being held on Wednesday 4 July at Ladywood Community Centre from 12-3pm.

Chance to meet senior team

You can meet TfWM Managing Director, Laura Shaof and Metro Programme Director, Phil Hewitt, as they walk the route together with the Midland Metro Alliance Birmingham Westside Project Director, Steve Grimes, on Monday 2 July and Wednesday 4 July. If you would like them to pop in to speak with you, please email us using the details below.

Bags of items for foodbank

The Midland Metro Alliance donated more than 230 essential items to BirminghamLive’s Big Drop campaign in Victoria Square. The goods including nappies, food and toiletries were given to foodbanks across Birmingham. Annette Belcher, BirminghamLive Reporter, said she was “overwhelmed” by our donation.

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