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 be closed in Islington Row Middleway (out of the city) from Monday 16 July until Sunday 5 August to allow for the construction of a right turn into Bath Row to ease pressure on Five Ways Roundabout, as part of the Complimentary Highways Measures.

There will be some traffic changes, including road narrowing and two-way traffic signals at Hampton by Hilton, to allow for the decommissioning of the water and gas mains. Phase one will run from Monday 16 July to Friday 20 July; phase two from Monday 23 July to Friday 27 July; and phase three from Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August.

The partial closure on Ryland Street with access from Broad Street has been extended until Friday 3 August to allow gas works to continue. Meanwhile, access to Ryland Street will be via Grosvenor Street West until Friday 17 August, to allow water connection works to take place.

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

There will be changes to the current traffic management layout on Broad Street, between Gas Street and Bridge Street, from Monday 16 July for approximately four weeks as part of ongoing utilities work.

Paradise circus to close as next stage of Birmingham Westside Metro Extension gets underway

The next stage of the Birmingham Westside Metro extension, from Victoria Square to Centenary Square, will begin in September 2018.

In order to facilitate this stage of construction, Paradise Circus will close in both directions from Monday 3 September 2018 until summer 2019. The A38 Queensway underpass, which runs beneath Paradise Circus, will remain open in both directions for the duration of the works to allow access to and from the Aston Expressway and M6.

Traffic marshals will be in place 24/7 to assist drivers wishing to access Holloway Street from Suffolk Street Queensway.

Centenary Square will also be closed to vehicles, while bus services using this route will be diverted via Sheepcote Street and Bath Row. To ensure the best possible outcome for your journey during this time, we are asking those travelling to Birmingham to:

• Plan ahead
• Allow more time for journeys
• Travel off-peak, where possible
• Consider getting to your destination on public transport, by walking or cycling.

We have written to residents, businesses, schools, colleges and universities, to inform them of the closure and will also be working throughout the summer with Birmingham City Council and Transport for West Midlands on a number of engagement events.

Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the route, is also available to answer any additional questions or queries, email: communications@metroalliance.co.uk.

For diversion maps and more information about the works, please visit: www.metroalliance.co.uk

For wider Birmingham travel information, visit: www.birmingham.gov.uk/summertravel.

Working sustainably

We have been working more sustainably at our construction site offices after switching to Good Energy. Our compounds in Tennant Street and Swallow Street are now running on renewable energy, helping us to reduce our carbon footprint. Hybrid tower lights are also being used to light our sites, reducing both fuel use and noise output.

How can I get further information?

For further information or to view past issues of the newsletter please visit:

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