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

There will be two-way traffic signals including a pedestrian crossing at Hampton by Hilton from Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August, as work to decommission the water and gas mains continue.

Traffic at the Broad Street/Bridge Street junction will flow in the opposite direction to accommodate the Bridge Street road closure.

Road closure diversions will continue in Granville Street on Sundays 29 July and 5 August for the installation of new gas pipes.

A partial closure on Ryland Street will now take place from Monday 6 August until Friday 14 September. This is to allow water connection works to take place. Access to Ryland Street will be via Grosvenor Street West during this time.

Lane three will be closed on Islington Row Middleway, for traffic coming in and out of the city, until Sunday 5 August. Meanwhile, from Monday 6 August until Friday 31 August, lanes three and two will be closed in Islington Row Middleway to outgoing city traffic, while lane three will be closed to incoming city traffic. This is 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.

Metro extension work this week

Victoria Square
Excavation works at the new location of the Iron: Man Statue have begun, with reinforced concrete works for the new base being carried out over the coming weeks. Track slab concreting has also begun.

Paradise Circus Queensway/Paradise Street
Concrete pouring and excavation for the retaining wall are continuing. The existing bridge beams have been demolished in preparation for the extension of the bridge, which is being widened to make room for the tram tracks.

Broad Street
Utility works, including the decommissioning of the existing gas services, are currently ongoing in Broad Street. These works are on target to be completed by the end of August.

Pinfold Street
Drainage connections are being installed for the track slab, which are on programme to be complete by the end of August. Excavation and ground levelling works are continuing and is expected to be complete by the end of September. Meanwhile, plastering works to some property basements are almost complete with rewiring set to start in the coming weeks. These works are on track to be completed by November.

Students visit site
Year 12 students from the College of Engineering & Physical Science at the University of Birmingham were given a tour of the construction site at Victoria Square. The group of 24 were given an overview of the project before attending a guided walk by Stephen Hughes, the Midland Metro Alliance’s Senior Health and Safety Advisor.

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