

# Transforming WOLVERHAMPTON

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## Welcome

Welcome to 'Transforming Wolverhampton', a newsletter designed to keep those working and living in the area up-to-date on the progress of the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension.



## Getting Around



**We appreciate that everyone will have a different journey; the following is to assist you to plan ahead:**

As works continue to progress, Railway Drive will remain closed and will be accessible to permit holders only. Pipers Row is currently closed to traffic and is expected to open in late summer.

Pedestrian access is being maintained at all times. However, as it is a live work site, pedestrian routes may change periodically as the work progresses.

**We recommend that you allow extra time, use real-time information to plan your trip, use public transport if you can and consider re-timing your journey, if possible.**

## West Midlands Metro gets the blues

Those in the city centre might have noticed the occasional blue Metro at Wolverhampton St. George's, amongst the usual pink and white ones.

Following West Midlands Metro commencing operation of the Metro service, a livery change is being rolled out with the Urbos 3 vehicles being rebranded in blue. West Midlands Metro is currently running a social media campaign where they are asking public transport users to send in selfies of themselves with the new blue tram.

The colour change is part of a wider rebranding of Transport for West Midlands with trains becoming orange and purple, buses in the region changing to be red and rentable green bicycles, planned to be rolled out shortly. The plan is that residents and visitors across West Midlands will become familiar with the new colour coded transport options.



## Pipers Row construction

The team has been working hard to install track and associated technology such as signals. You may have also noticed kerbs are being installed and lots of concrete has been poured between Bilston Street and the junction of Queen Street. Between Queen Street and Railway Drive, work has been undertaken to ensure easy access to utilities for future upgrades and repairs following operation of the Metro.

Over the next few weeks more concrete will be poured along the remainder of Pipers Row with tram track installation ongoing to the junction with Queen Street. Road surfacing began last week and will continue.

## Railway Drive construction

Excavation of the road surface is continuing along one side of Railway Drive.

## Timelapse footage released showing progress to date

Timelapse footage has been released which illustrates the transformation that the construction project has had in the area with the rails and associated infrastructure being laid in the road as the video progresses.

The footage speedily demonstrates key milestones on the project, including the first new rails laid, and in footage captured this week, road surfacing has started on Pipers Row.

The footage is available to view by visiting <https://bit.ly/2vfjCHO>.

## 24-hour working in Pipers Row

The Midland Metro Alliance is continuing 24-hour works in Pipers Row to ensure the road can reopen at the end of the summer.

## Radio adverts remind listeners that Wolverhampton is open as usual

This week sees two radio campaigns for Signal 107 listeners in the Midlands, reminding them that Wolverhampton is open as usual.

The campaigns, which will be running until the end of October as work on Railway Drive continues, are designed to highlight and promote what the city has to offer and how the businesses are still accessible and appreciate custom as the project progresses.

In addition, visitors to the city centre will receive messaging alerts whilst browsing the internet on their smartphone providing an update on the progress of the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension, as well as a reminder that the businesses are open and accessible.

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.



**How can I get further information?**

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