

# Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension

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The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) has embarked upon an ambitious plan to regenerate the region and to provide new opportunities for residents and businesses. Central to this plan is the expansion of the Metro network, which will triple in size by 2026, providing high quality, safe and dependable tram travel across much of the region.

The Midland Metro Alliance has been appointed by the WMCA to deliver the Metro network throughout the region. The Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension forms part of that network, and will be delivered in two phases. Phase one will run from Wednesbury to Dudley Town Centre, while phase two will take the route from Dudley to Brierley Hill.

As a significant part of the 11km route is along a disused railway corridor, much of the preparatory work to date has taken place out of sight. Work started to become more visible in early 2018, with ground investigation and survey work carried out to inform the Metro designs.

Drop-in-sessions and information events will be held at various locations in the future to keep people updated on the plans.

## Preconstruction Investigations

The Midland Metro Alliance has successfully executed a programme of preconstruction investigation works to inform design solutions.

Works to date include extensive site clearance, invasive weed control, ground and structural investigations, drainage surveys, topographical surveys and ground penetrating radar surveys.

These investigations all feed the route design to help us develop the most affordable and buildable solutions.

In addition, extensive liaison has taken place with the many other proposed developments in Dudley Town Centre to help ensure the designs compliment each other and the construction schedules are coordinated.

Utility diversions are expected to commence in Dudley Town Centre during 2019, in advance of work commencing elsewhere in 2020.



Midland Metro Alliance undertaking trial pits on New Road in Great Bridge

## At a glance



Length of route: **11km**

Phases of Construction: **Two**

- Phase 1: Wednesbury to Dudley Town Centre
- Phase 2: Dudley Town Centre to Brierley Hill

Proposed Tram Stops: **17**



## 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 alliance in July 2016.

The aim of the Midland Metro Alliance is to help deliver a lasting legacy, aiding social and economic regeneration across the region.



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