

Westside WEEKLY

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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.



Getting Around

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

A road closure diversion will take place in Gas Street on Sunday 19 August for the installation of new gas pipes. Gas Street can also be accessed via Holliday Street during these works.

There will be changes to the current traffic management layout on Broad Street, between Gas Street and Bridge Street until the end of August, as part of ongoing utilities work.

Sheepcote Street will be closed on Sunday 19 August from 9.30am until 7pm for duct installation works. Drivers will be diverted via Oozells Way.

Traffic signals at the junction of Sheepcote Street and Broad Street will be operated manually to allow for utility works to take place. The current permanent automatic traffic signals will be suspended during this period.

A partial closure on Ryland Street will finish on 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.

We recommend that you allow extra time, use real-time information, such as Google Maps, to plan your trip, use public transport if you can and consider retiming your journey, if possible.



Pinfold Street

Excavation for the concrete base of the track will be taking place in Pinfold Street until the end of September.

Broad Street

Ongoing Utility works, including the decommissioning of the existing gas services, will be continuing in Broad Street until the end of August.



New electric signs notify motorists ahead of closure

New electric message signs have been installed in Birmingham to inform motorists of the closure of Paradise Circus.

The signs, which read "Paradise Circus closed from 3 Sept", have been put up at all inbound approaches into the city centre, including Hagley Road, ahead of the closure. Existing electronic signs have also been updated in strategic locations.

The advice to motorists during this time is to plan ahead; allow more time for journeys; travel off-peak where possible; use public transport, walk or cycle to your destination.

Metro extension work this week

Victoria Square

Excavation works at the new location of the Iron: Man Statue are continuing in Victoria Square.

Paradise Circus Queensway/ Paradise Street

The former subway in Fletchers Walk is currently being demolished, while concrete pouring is continuing for the retaining wall in Paradise Street.



MP visits Operatives on site

Guy Opperman MP visited the construction site at Victoria Square, where he met Operatives working on the project. The Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion spoke to 11 workers during a ministerial visit to the city. During his visit, he also found out more about the Midland Metro Alliance's work on sector-based work academies, upskilling young people Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEETS), local employment and apprentices.

Meet senior team on walkabout

You can meet TfWM Managing Director, Laura Shoaf and West Midlands Metro Director, Phil Hewitt, as they walk the route together with the Midland Metro Alliance Birmingham Westside Project Director, Steve Grimes, on Tuesday 28 August. If you would like them to pop in to speak with you, please email: communications@metroalliance.co.uk.

You can view previous issues of the newsletter at: <http://www.metroalliance.co.uk/projects/birminghamwestside-extension/>



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