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:

Road closure diversions will take place in Gas Street on Sundays 12 and 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 Sundays 12 and 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.

Lanes three and two of Islington Row Middleway are closed to outgoing city traffic, while lane three is closed to incoming city traffic, until Friday August 31. 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.

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.

Metro extension work this week

Victoria Square

The Victoria Square steps are now complete, while excavation works at the new location of the Iron: Man Statue is ongoing.

Paradise Circus Queensway/Paradise Street

Excavation works for the concrete base of the track is set to start at the end of Paradise Street in the coming weeks, while demolition works are also set to begin on the former subway in Fletchers Walk. Concrete pouring is continuing for the retaining wall in Paradise Street.

Broad Street

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

Pinfold Street

Rewiring to some property basements is nearing completion, while plastering and painting will continue until the end of November. Works are still taking place on drainage connections and excavation for the track slab.

Support for hotel’s charity drive

The Midland Metro Alliance helped the Hampton by Hilton hotel collect clothes for Suited for Success, a charity that collects and provides donated interview clothes for unemployed men and women to wear to a job interview. Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the extension, delivered a bag of clothes donated by the Midland Metro Alliance to the hotel.

Upgrading utilities as we go

Gas and water pipes will be upgraded as part of our ongoing utilities programme, future-proofing them for years to come. As we continue works to decommission the existing services we will also be installing new pipes as we go, helping to provide a safe supply to hundreds of residents and businesses. Utility works started in 2017 and over 3,000 metres of water and gas pipes will be upgraded. These works are essential to allow for the Metro to run to Edgbaston by 2021 in time for the Commonwealth Games.

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