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:

Paradise Circus will be closed in both directions from Monday 3 September until summer 2019. This is to facilitate the Metro construction from Victoria Square to Centenary Square. The A38 underpass will be open in both directions.

George Road will be closed at the junction of Islington Row Middleway from Monday 3 September, for approximately three weeks. This is to allow for the construction of a new bus lane.

We recommend that you plan ahead, consider using public transport, walking or cycling if possible. If you do have to travel by car, allow more time for your journey and consider travelling off-peak if possible.

Metro extension work this week

Victoria Square
Excavation works for the new location of the Iron: Man Statue has continued in Victoria Square.

Paradise Circus Queensway/Paradise Street
The first section of reinforced concrete for the retaining wall in Paradise Street has been completed this week.

Information event a success

Businesses, residents and visitors to Birmingham found out more about the extension and closure of Paradise Circus during an information event.

Amy Walker, The Midland Metro Alliance’s dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the route, was at Birmingham Library on Thursday answering questions about the next stage of the works.

She used Network West Midlands’ interactive map to show people how to plan their journeys as well as providing leaflets and FAQs about the works.

To access the interactive map, visit: https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/campaigns/major-roadworks-and-events/paradise-circus-closure/

Broad Street
Ongoing utility works, including the decommissioning of the existing gas services, will now be continuing in Broad Street until the end of September.

Pinfold Street
Works to construct the concrete base of the track has begun at the top of Pinfold Street.

ITV interview to promote closure

The Midland Metro Alliance will be on ITV News Central on Friday evening (31 August) as we continue to make people aware of the closure of Paradise Circus.

Steve Grimes, Project Director for the Birmingham Westside Metro extension, was interviewed by Andy Bevan, ITV Correspondent, earlier this week to remind people how their journeys will change when the closure comes into effect on Monday 3 September. The interview is expected to be aired on ITV at 6pm. Steve was also interviewed by BBC WM.

During the closure, which will run until summer 2019, we are advising motorists to plan ahead, consider using public transport, walking or cycling if possible. If you do have to travel by car, allow more time for your journey, travelling off-peak if possible. For further information on public transport in the West Midlands visit www.networkwestmidlands.com.

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