

# 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:

Paradise Circus is closed in both directions until summer 2019 to facilitate the Metro construction from Victoria Square to Centenary Square. The A38 underpass remains open in both directions. Centenary Square is also closed to vehicles, while buses will be diverted from Friday 21 September. Traffic on Brunel Street will flow in the opposite direction for the duration of the closure.

The left-hand turn from Broad Street onto Ryland Street is closed to allow water connection works, which are scheduled for the next four weeks.

One lane is closed at the Hagley Road underpass to Ryland Street, for utility works, until Friday 12 October 2018.

West Midland Metro services will arrive and depart from platform one at Grand Central from Monday 24 September until summer 2019, as the process begins to connect the existing track on Stephenson Street to the new line.

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

For travel advice, visit: [www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving)



### Pinfold Street

Excavation and steel fixing for the base of the track continued in Pinfold Street this week.

### Broad Street

Ongoing utility works, including the decommissioning of the existing gas services, have continued in Broad Street, and will be ongoing until the end of September.



### High pressure water demolishes subway

A technique using high pressure water jet equipment instead of conventional tools is being used to demolish a former subway in Paradise Street.

The hydro demolition method has environmental and safety benefits, including reducing dust and noise pollution.

Water is sprayed to cut away and break up the concrete and other materials for a cleaner and greener demolition.

## Metro extension work this week

### Victoria Square

Excavation works for the track have been carried out in Victoria Square.

### Paradise Circus Queensway/ Paradise Street

During this week, the foundations for the Metro stop that will be located outside of the Town Hall were completed.



## All change for buses

Broad Street will be closed between Sheepcote Street and Paradise Circus from Friday 21 September, which means changes to bus services along the route.

Buses travelling in and out of the city will be diverted via Sheepcote Street and Bath Row.

Complimentary highway improvements have been carried out in various locations, including George Road and Islington Row Middleway, to help alleviate traffic and accommodate the bus diversions.

For further information on individual bus diversion routes, visit: [www.networkwestmidlands.com/campaigns/major-roadworks-and-events/paradise-circus-closure/](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/campaigns/major-roadworks-and-events/paradise-circus-closure/)

## New hoarding designs to spruce up sites

New hoarding designs will be installed to enhance the Midland Metro Alliance's construction sites.

The new designs will be put up in Victoria Square, Pinfold Street, Swallow Street and Paradise Street to refresh the sites and to inform passers-by about what is taking place in the area.



How can I get further information?

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