

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. This is 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, but will remain open to public transport until mid-September. Traffic on Brunel Street will flow in the opposite direction for the duration of the closure.

George Road is closed at the junction of Islington Row Middleway for approximately three weeks to allow for the construction of a new bus lane.

Four-way temporary traffic lights are in operation in Navigation Street to allow for kerb realignment works.

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 have continued and will be ongoing in Victoria Square.

Paradise Circus Queensway/Paradise Street

Utility works for the retaining wall in Paradise Street have been completed and the footpath reinstated.

Broad Street

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

Pinfold Street

Painting and rewiring works to some of the property basements in Pinfold Street have been completed.

Successful concrete pour

In Pinfold Street this week, the first concrete was successfully poured for the base of the track. This was an intricate operation due to the gradient of the track slab. It was critical that the concrete was delivered in a timely manner to ensure the consistency was correct at the time of pouring.



Apprentices given insight into project

Apprentices from civil engineering firm Eiffage-Kier visited the construction site at Victoria Square to find out more about the project.

The group of 11 were given an insight into the extension to help them better understand the planning, design, engineering and construction work that goes into a project of this size, to aid with their development.

Paradise Circus closure goes ahead as planned

The operational closure of Paradise Circus went ahead as planned on Monday 3 September.

Midland Metro Alliance traffic management teams implemented the closure and diversion routes in the early hours of Monday morning, while members of the Engagement Team were on hand first thing to answer any enquiries and keep people updated.

Publicity also continued throughout the day with positive news reports on BBC Midlands Today, while Steve Grimes, Project Director for the Birmingham Westside Metro extension, appeared on ITV News Central for a follow-up report on how the closure had been received.

Work is currently taking place to secure the site, while road surface removal is expected to begin shortly. A short time lapse video has also been released on social media showing the early stages of the closure.



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