

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 are diverting via Sheepcote Street and Bath Row. 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 few weeks.

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

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.

For travel advice, visit: www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving

Metro extension work this week

Victoria Square

Additional diversion works to the existing gas main have taken place to accommodate the tram infrastructure.

Paradise Circus Queensway/Paradise Street

Demolition works to strengthen the concrete beams on the former subway have progressed. The subway will reopen when the route is operational.

Broad Street

The decommissioning of the existing gas services has continued and is now set to be complete in the autumn. These works will be stood down temporarily to facilitate security for the Conservative Party Conference.

Pinfold Street

Excavation and steel fixing for the base of the track were carried out in Pinfold Street.

Metro arrives and departs from same platform

New arrangements are in place for customers using West Midlands Metro's terminus at Grand Central.

The Metro is now arriving and departing from the same platform immediately outside Birmingham New Street railway station. This is to allow the Midland Metro Alliance to connect the existing track on Stephenson Street to the new lines which are currently being constructed. The new arrangement will be in place until summer 2019.



Device installed for safe working

A device has been installed in Stephenson Street to isolate the overhead lines while work takes place to connect the existing track.

The sectional insulator provides a safe working area for the construction team carrying out the works.



New hoardings for construction sites

New hoardings have gone up at the Midland Metro Alliance's construction sites.

The refreshed blue and pink panels have been installed in Victoria Square, Swallow Street, Pinfold Street and Paradise Street to enhance the sites, while also providing passers-by with more information about the route.



How can I get further information?

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