



Transforming WOLVERHAMPTON

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Welcome

Welcome to 'Transforming Wolverhampton', a newsletter designed to keep those working and living in the area up-to-date on the progress of the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension.



Getting Around



We appreciate that everyone will have a different journey; the following is to assist you to plan ahead:

A temporary footpath closure on Pipers Row (opposite the Sunbeam) commenced on 1 October for four weeks. This facilitates improvements to the area. Access will be maintained at all times for businesses and the loading bay on Pipers Row remains available during this time.

A diversion is in place for access to Pipers Row directly from Bilston Street. Vehicles wishing to access Pipers Row from the right-hand turn on Bilston Street will need to follow the diversion via St. George's Parade and Garrick Street, before turning left into Pipers Row. This diversion will be in place until signals are installed at the junction later in the autumn.

As works progress, Railway Drive will remain closed and will be accessible to permit holders only.

Pedestrian access is being maintained at all times. However, as it is a live work site, pedestrian routes may change periodically as the work progresses.

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



of Pipers Row and Bilston Street.

Railway Drive

Drainage systems have been installed on Railway Drive, along with the second stage concrete pour which has allowed rail and sleepers to be installed along one side of the street (as pictured above).

During the next two weeks this work will continue along with installation of paving and kerbs throughout Railway Drive.

Midland Metro Alliance updates local youth group

The Midland Metro Alliance opened its doors to almost 20 young people in order they could learn more about the Metro extensions on Saturday 6 October.

The group are members of Transport for West Midlands's Youth Forum which was set up to ensure that the region's transport network works for young people too.

During the visit, the group was updated on the progress for each of the routes being developed by the alliance and learned how our work, and that of other local infrastructure projects, is having a massive impact on the career opportunities available to young people. The group also got to test their tram driving abilities on the alliance's tram training simulator.



Award win for providing career opportunities for Black Country talent

The Midland Metro Alliance was awarded with the Employer of the Year award at the Talent Match Black Country awards which took place on Wednesday 10 October at the Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton.

The honour recognises the alliance's commitment to ensure local people benefit from the extension of the West Midlands Metro through employment and training opportunities provided.

On the same night, the Midland Metro Alliance was also awarded the Partnership of the Year Award at the annual British Construction Industry Awards.

Metro extension work this week

Pipers Row

Over the past two weeks, foundations for the overhead line equipment have been completed in three separate locations in Pipers Row. In addition, work continues for the retaining wall which will sit behind the Metro stop. Work will continue with the installation of drainage, waterproofing and other improvements to the area.

Towards Wolverhampton Crown Court, ducting will shortly be installed for traffic signals for the junction

Wolverhampton BID Gift Card

A new Gift Card has been launched by the Wolverhampton Business Improvement District which can be used with other 105 city centre businesses.

The card can be used across city centre businesses, from catching a film at the Light House, seeing a show at the Grand Theatre, from shopping in the Mander Centre to enjoying a cocktail or two whilst all the time supporting Wolverhampton.

The card works the same as other gift cards. You can buy one online at www.enjoywolverhamptongiftcard.com and load the card to the value you want and then either have the card posted to you or collect from three locations within the city centre.



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