

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.

Footpath diversions will be in place outside the Travelodge hotel in Broad Street from Monday 22 October to allow for the disconnection of the existing water main. These works will also take place outside Reflex nightclub and Pit Stop takeaway and fast food shop week commencing Monday 22 October. There will also be no access to Sheepcote Street from Broad Street from 09:30 hours until 18:30 hours on Sunday 28 October.

From Monday 22 October, there will be a lane closure from the Sheepcote Street junction of Broad Street, towards the city centre. This is to allow gas works to take place.

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

Stephenson Street

Works to install new drainage and main sewer connection have taken place in Stephenson Street as work to connect the existing track to the new track continues.

Pinfold Street

Gas pipe diversions have been completed, while progress has continued with the pouring of concrete for the floating track slab, which minimises the vibration impact when the Metro is in operation.

Paradise Street

Subbase material, which provides strength and support, has been installed in Paradise Street. Progress has continued to be made on the retaining wall for the Victoria Square Metro stop, while new drainage has also been installed.

Victoria Square

Works to reinstate the asphalt in Victoria Square got underway this week, in order to facilitate the Frankfurt Christmas Market.

Broad Street

Excavation works to allow for the diversion of utilities have continued in Broad Street this week.

Come and see us at Diwali event

Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the route, will be at the Diwali on the Square event in Victoria Square on Saturday 20 October, talking to visitors about how the Birmingham Westside extension will help transform the West Midlands. Why not visit Amy at the MMA stand, which will be located next to the "Floozy in the Jacuzzi".



Second phase of Stephenson Street works set to begin

Works to connect the existing Metro line in Stephenson Street with the track of the new extension on Pinfold Street will get underway week commencing Monday 29 October.

This will mean that there will be changes to traffic management in the area. These changes include:

- The lower section of Pinfold Street will be open to vehicles accessing Victoria Square House car park only and will become two-way to facilitate this;
- Access for the Stephenson Street loading bay and the Colonnade car park will be maintained under marshal control;
- West Midlands Metro services will continue to arrive and depart from Grand Central Metro stop at platform one.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during these works.

For further information visit: <http://metroalliance.co.uk/projects/birmingham-westside-extension/>



Change to hoarding layout in Victoria Square

Hoarding in Victoria Square will be removed on Saturday 3 November to facilitate the Frankfurt Christmas Market, which starts on Friday 15 November. Hoarding will remain in Pinfold Street and Paradise Street.



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