

# Westside WEEKLY

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## Welcome

'Westside Weekly' is designed to keep those in the area up-to-date on the 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 lower section of Pinfold Street is only open to vehicles accessing Victoria Square House car park to allow works to connect the existing Metro line with the track of the new extension on Pinfold Street.

Ongoing works to futureproof the utility infrastructure will be taking place outside of the Reflex nightclub.

One lane is also closed on the Hagley Road underpass leading to Broad Street into the city centre, for utility infrastructure 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. For travel advice, visit: [www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving)**



## Metro extension work this week

### Stephenson Street

Good progress has been made on excavation works at the junction of Stephenson Street and Pinfold Street to allow for the installation of the concrete base of the track.

### Pinfold Street

Pouring of concrete for the base of the track continues in readiness for the installation of the first tram tracks.

### Paradise Street

Works to install new drainage has been completed, while the installation of reinforced concrete structures for the base of the track has continued.

### Victoria Square

Works are currently on hold to help facilitate the Frankfurt Christmas Market and will resume after the event.

### Broad Street

This week, work has continued on the installation of kerb lines for the bus lanes.



## Students get insight into project

Business studies students from Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College enjoyed a visit to our offices to learn about the Westside extension.

They also enjoyed a presentation from Ashraf Nsubuga, Chairman of the Young Rail Professionals West Midlands (YRP), on how to get into the light rail industry.

## All aboard successful consultation event

Local residents and businesses attended a consultation event on the construction strategy for the next stage of the project.

The event, which was held on a canal boat in Brindleyplace, was a chance for people to learn more about upcoming works in the area.

Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the route, provided an update on the project and the upcoming closure of the Broad Street Canal Tunnel, which will close to canal and towpath traffic from Wednesday 2 January 2019 until early spring.

For further information about the work and maps of the diversion routes, please visit: <http://metroalliance.co.uk/>



## Keeping safe around construction sites

A new video has been released by the Midland Metro Alliance and West Midlands Metro to help pedestrians and cyclists stay safe around our construction sites.

The video illustrates how urban construction can impact traffic flow on busy roads as well as reminding the travelling public of the correct way to cross Metro tracks. It has also been sent to schools across the West Midlands to incorporate in road safety lessons.

To view the video, visit <https://vimeo.com/302281575/eb5f72da52>.



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