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.

Excavation works will be taking place outside the Brasshouse pub until Friday 30 November, to replace existing gas pipe.

One lane is closed from the Sheepcote Street junction of Broad Street, towards the city centre, to allow gas works to take place. These works are scheduled to finish on Friday 30 November.

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

Metro extension work this week

Stephenson Street

Excavation works are ongoing at the junction of Stephenson Street and Pinfold Street to allow for the installation of the concrete base of the track.

Pinfold Street

Progress has continued this week on the pouring of concrete for the base of the track.

Paradise Street

Concrete pouring has taken place this week for the base of the track, while works to install new drainage has continued to move forward.

Victoria Square

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

Broad Street

This week, more work has taken place on the installation of kerb lines for bus lanes.

Traffic marshals equipped with cameras

Traffic Marshals working on the Westside extension have been equipped with body cameras.

The body-warn CCTV cameras will help the traffic marshals to be more efficient, safe and transparent during their encounters with the public.

Bringing the Metro to Edgbaston

Works on the second phase of the project, which will extend the Metro to Edgbaston, are set to start in January 2019. To enable this, the Broad Street Canal Tunnel will close to canal and towpath traffic in both directions from Wednesday 2 January 2019 and remain closed until early spring. Vehicle traffic will be able to access Broad Street via two-way traffic signals on the street above. For further information about the work and maps of the diversion routes, please visit: www.metroalliance.co.uk.

Learn more about upcoming works at consultation event

Come and find out more about our upcoming works including the closure of the canal tunnel during a consultation event. Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the route, will be available to answer your questions during the event on Tuesday 27 November. It will be held on a canal boat moored outside of the Handmade Burger Co restaurant, Brindleyplace, from 4pm until 8pm.

How can I get further information?

For further information or to view past issues of the newsletter please visit: www.metroalliance.co.uk or email: communications@metroalliance.co.uk

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