

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. This is to connect the existing Metro line with the track of the new extension on Pinfold Street.

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

One lane is closed on the Hagley Road underpass 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, while works continue to allow for the tie-in to the existing track on Stephenson Street.

Pinfold Street

More concrete has been poured for the base of the track this week in preparation of the first tracks being laid.

Paradise Street

Progress is being made on the installation of reinforced concrete for the base of the track.

Victoria Square

These works remain on hold during 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 the bus lanes, while preparations have been made for the laying of paving and concrete slabs.



Overnight works in Stephenson Street

Following feedback from local businesses, additional steps have been taken to help reduce noise in Stephenson Street during daytime hours as works to connect the existing track with the new line gathers pace.

Construction will be taking place overnight from Friday 7 December when there is less traffic and footfall in the area.

The overnight works, which will include breaking concrete and installing rail, will ensure construction is completed as quickly as possible as well as helping to improve security in the area through a 24/7 onsite presence.

For further information about the works, please visit: <http://metroalliance.co.uk/projects/birminghamwestside-extension/>



Concrete pour in Paradise Street

Concrete has been poured in Paradise Street for the retaining walls and abutments, which will help carry the weight of the road and tramway as it passes above.

Strengthening works have also taken place on the former subway which will reopen when the route is operational.

Site workers go green for zero waste

Construction workers have shown their commitment to the environment by coming up with an innovative idea to reduce waste.

Their idea was to move to an in-house waste disposal system which would help save on the cost of waste collection as well as allowing greater control over the disposal options we use for waste. The idea will be investigated further to assess the cost benefits and practicalities.

The group won a competition set up by the Midland Metro Alliance's Sustainability Team as part of Zero Waste Week.



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