

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.

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 are 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 have gathered pace at the junction of Stephenson Street and Pinfold Street, while works to allow for the tie-in to the existing track on Stephenson Street have continued this week. Overnight works, which include breaking concrete and installing rail, have also continued.

Pinfold Street

The pouring of concrete for the base of the track has been ongoing as we prepare for the first tracks to be laid.

Victoria Square

Construction is still on hold for the Frankfurt Christmas Market and is set to resume in the New Year.

Paradise Street

Waterproofing works have taken place for the Queensway Tunnel, while concrete has been poured for the retaining walls and abutments, which will help carry the weight of the road and tramway as it passes above.

Broad Street

Kerbing works for the bus lanes have progressed this week, while concrete slabs have been poured for the paving.

Upcoming works on Broad Street Canal Tunnel

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.

Wishing all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Westside Weekly will resume in the New Year.



Bringing festive cheer to vulnerable families

The Midland Metro Alliance brought festive cheer to vulnerable children when they donated Christmas gifts to a West Midlands charity.

Cuddly toys and games were among the dozens of gifts donated by staff for The Haven's Christmas Appeal.

The charity, which supports women and children who are vulnerable to domestic violence, homelessness and abuse, will be giving the mothers it supports the opportunity to choose and wrap Christmas presents for their children.

Smart travel

West Midlands Metro has become the first public transport service in the UK to allow passengers to buy and save a ticket on their smartphone using Google Pay.

The service is available to the first 500 West Midlands Metro passengers to sign up to the new Swift on Mobile travel app. It means that passengers will be able to tap their phone to use their ticket rather than use their Swift travel smart card.



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