

# 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 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.

Work to futureproof the utility infrastructure is continuing outside of the Reflex nightclub.

One lane is closed on the Hagley Road underpass into the city centre, for utility infrastructure works.

Traffic will flow in the opposite direction between Granville Street and Bishopsgate Street from Monday 14 January for approximately eight weeks, to allow for utility works.

The Broad Street Canal Tunnel is closed to canal and towpath traffic until spring 2019 for strengthening works. Clearly signed diversion routes are in place

**We recommend that you allow extra time, use real-time information to plan your trip, use public transport if you can and consider retiming your journey, 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 for the base of the track, while works to allow for the tie-in to the existing track on Stephenson Street have also gathered pace. Overnight works, which include breaking concrete and installing rail, have also resumed following the Christmas embargo.

### Pinfold Street

Hoarding has been extended along Pinfold Street in preparation for the installation of the first Metro tracks.

### Paradise Street

Works to install the reinforced concrete structure for the base of the track have continued this week.

### Victoria Square

Work has now resumed following the Christmas embargo with the extension of hoarding along Victoria Square and Pinfold Street. This is to allow for excavation works to take place.

### Broad Street

Kerbing works for the bus lanes have moved forward, while ongoing works to futureproof the utilities infrastructure have continued.

### Video showcases vibrant nightlife

A video has been created to showcase the vibrant Broad Street nightlife brimming with bars, clubs and eateries.

Broad Street is a thriving diverse and accessible entertainment destination and the short video has been put together in collaboration with the Midland Metro Alliance and Westside BID.

The area is open as usual during our works to extend the Metro from Grand Central to Edgbaston and the video highlights the many reasons to visit the vibrant area. The video proved popular on social media in the run-up to Christmas and New Year.

To view the video, visit: <https://vimeo.com/306458358>



## Second phase of project gets underway

Broad Street Canal Tunnel has now closed as works on the second phase of the project gets underway.

The tunnel is now closed to canal and towpath traffic in both directions until early spring.

Vehicle traffic is still able to access Broad Street although temporary traffic lights will remain for the duration of the Canal Tunnel works.

During this phase of construction, Midland Metro Alliance will use an innovative method to strengthen the bridge, consisting of additional steelwork fitted in the existing brickwork.

For further information about the work and maps of the diversion routes, please visit: [www.metroalliance.co.uk](http://www.metroalliance.co.uk).

## Live Facebook video promotes works

The Midland Metro Alliance took part in a live video on Facebook to talk about the closure of the Broad Street Canal Tunnel.

Tom Willetts, Project Lead for the Edgbaston phase of the extension, appeared on a live stream on the Facebook page of local news source Birmingham Updates.

The interview, which has been viewed by more than 15,000 people, highlights the type of methods being used in this project as well as useful information including details of the works being carried out and timescales, along with where to find travel planning information.

You can view, like and share the video via the Birmingham Updates Facebook page.



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