

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:

Parade 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.

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

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.

One lane is closed outside Sainsbury's in Broad Street into the city centre, while traffic will flow in the opposite direction outside the Moda Living development, until Friday 8 March 2019.

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

Progress has continued to be made on the excavation works being carried out for the base of the track.

Pinfold Street

Excavation works got underway in Pinfold Street this week to prepare for the pouring of concrete.

Victoria Square

More cable ducting works have taken place for the passenger information systems that will be installed on the Victoria Square tram stop.

Paradise Street

This week, waterproofing works to the Queensway Tunnel have continued.

Broad Street

Kerbing works for the bus lanes have progressed, while works to futureproof the utilities infrastructure are ongoing. Strengthening on the Broad Street Canal Tunnel continues in the area also.



Successful concrete pour

Concrete pouring in Paradise Street has continued despite the first bout of freezing weather of the season, with the first pour for the retaining walls taking place this week.

Passers-by may have noticed temporary marquee-like structures have appeared in the area. These are to protect the works from a change in temperature and weather conditions.

It follows on from a successful pour for the base of the track the week prior.

Track induction for operatives

Operatives new to the project took part in an induction day to help prepare them for the works ahead.

The site workers, who will be installing track along the route, listened to a series of presentations by representatives from West Midlands Combined Authority, Birmingham City Council and Midland Metro Alliance, to get an overall understanding of the project before going on site.

Amy Walker, our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the first phase of the route, shared her tips for interfacing with members of the public.



Metro drivers learn about new routes

A group of new starters at West Midlands Metro visited the Midland Metro Alliance to find out all about the extension projects planned across the West Midlands.

The visit gave the group an insight into the timescales and benefits of each extension as well as the alliance's work to transform the West Midlands by building the best integrated transport system for the future.

It was an opportunity for new members of the operations team to better understand the new routes they will be working in the future.



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