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.

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.

The pedestrian crossing outside Regency Wharf will be closed on Saturday 9 February and Sunday 10 February for utility diversion works.

Gas Street will be closed on Sunday 10 February to allow trial hole works to take place.

Hagley Road weekend lane closures. One lane will be closed inbound and one lane outbound to enable utility works for Sprint. These lane closures will take place over eight weekends from Friday 15 February.

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

Metro extension work this week

Stephenson Street
Track has been installed this week at the tie-in of the existing track.

Pinfold Street
Preparations have been made for the installation of scaffolding outside Supercuts where further strengthening works will take place.

Paradise Street
Concrete pours have continued, while waterproofing works have moved forward with anti-vibration membrane installed in some areas ready for first stage track and supporting concrete to be poured.

Victoria Square
This week, excavation works have been carried out for the base of the track.

Broad Street
Paving work has continued on the footpath outside the HSBC building and works to divert and lay a new gas pipe have progressed at a good rate.

What’s next after track installation?

Following the installation of track people can now expect to see the following works before the line is open for passenger service.

• Road resurfacing will commence once the track installation is complete
• Metro stops, lighting and traffic signals will be installed together with overhead power lines where needed
• Major improvements to help transform the area including planting trees and widening pavements will take place
• This will be followed by a crucial stage of testing and driver training before passenger services can begin.

Project on track as milestone is reached

A milestone has been reached on the project with the laying of track in Paradise Street. The track, that will take the Metro from Grand Central to Centenary Square, was laid in the city centre, as works continue to progress.

The event was marked by Minister of State for Transport Jesse Norman MP and West Midlands Mayor Andy Street.

Also in attendance were Councillor Waseem Zaffar, Birmingham City Council’s Cabinet Member for Transport, Councillor Roger Lawrence, West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Transport Lead and Laura Shoaf, Managing Director of Transport for West Midlands (TfWM).

The track laying is a key stage in the construction of the project with the Metro expected to be open for passenger service to Centenary Square by the end of 2019.

Work is already under way on the second phase, which will take the Metro from Centenary Square to Edgbaston.

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