

# 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:

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.

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.

There will be weekend lane closures on Hagley Road from Friday 15 February. One lane will be closed inbound and one lane outbound to enable utility works for the Sprint bus.

The pedestrian crossing outside Regency Wharf will be closed on Saturday 16 February and Sunday 17 February for utility diversion works.

Gas Street will be closed on Sunday 17 February to allow trial hole works to take 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

This week, second stage concrete has been poured on the track installed at the Stephenson Street tie-in.

### Pinfold Street

Excavation works have taken place this week, while steel works are set to start in the coming weeks to facilitate the concrete pour for the base of the track.

### Paradise Street

Waterproofing for the base of the track has continued with concrete bays for the Wolverhampton bound sections now fully waterproofed, ready for vibration mats to be installed.

### Victoria Square

Gas excavation works have been carried out in Victoria Square this week.

### Broad Street

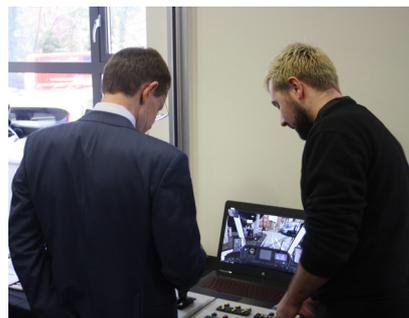
Good progress has been made on the paving works outside the HSBC building, with the footpath expected to be open to the public next week.

## Mayor tests tram simulator

West Midlands Mayor Andy Street got to see how the Metro will travel from Grand Central to Centenary Square when he tested out our tram simulator.

The Mayor was given the opportunity to drive along the new route when we took the simulator along to Auctus Management Group's open day event in the city.

Our Digital Marketing Officer was on hand to guide him along the route, while our Stakeholder Liaison Officers spoke to visitors about the routes we're developing.



## Team meets potential suppliers

Businesses from across the West Midlands got the chance to find out how they can supply goods and services to the Metro extension programme during a Meet the Buyer event.

Our Procurement Team exhibited at the event organised by procurement and supply chain management service Constructionline.

The Midland Metro Alliance aims to source the majority of the goods required for the extensions from the Midlands and the team discussed opportunities with a wide range of businesses on the day.

You can get in touch with the team at [procurement@metroalliance.co.uk](mailto:procurement@metroalliance.co.uk)



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