

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 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.

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.

Sheepcote Street access road will be closed for utility diversion works from Monday 25 February to Sunday 3 March.

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

Stephenson Street has been temporarily backfilled at the tie-in to allow for a pedestrian route.

Pinfold Street

Good progress has been made on excavation works which have continued this week. Meanwhile, construction has taken place on the base of the track.

Victoria Square

Excavation works for a gas main diversion have continued in Victoria Square this week.

Paradise Street

Stage one concrete has been poured for the concrete bays and retaining wall at the Victoria Square Metro stop.

Broad Street

Paving works outside of the HSBC building have continued to move forward, while the second phase of gas diversion works have also progressed as planned.



SAVE THE DATE - Friday, 8th March 2019

Celebrating International Women's Day

The Midland Metro Alliance will help celebrate International Women's Day on Friday 8 March.

Shervorne Brown, Stakeholder Liaison Officer for the Edgbaston phase of the project, will be marking the annual global campaign during an event organised by Kings Heath Jobcentre.

She will be on hand to speak to women about the opportunities available in the light rail sector as well as providing an update on the extension projects and progress to date.

Why not visit Shervorne at the event which will be held at All Saints Church, Kings Heath High Street from 11am to 1.30pm.

Businesses open as usual

As works to extend the Metro from Grand Central to Edgbaston continues to progress all businesses in the area remain open as usual during construction.

That includes all businesses in Pinfold Street, Broad Street and Brindleyplace. Our video highlighting the many reasons to visit the area including the many places to grab a drink or bite to eat is still available to view at: <https://vimeo.com/306458358>



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