

# 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 whilst work is completed to connect the existing Metro line with the track of the new extension.

Ongoing works to futureproof the utility infrastructure are taking place outside of the Reflex nightclub.

One lane is also closed on the Five Ways underpass leading into the city centre, to allow utilities work to take place.

**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](http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/keepmoving)**

## Metro extension work this week

### Stephenson Street

The second phase of excavation works for the concrete base of the track got underway this week.

### Pinfold Street

Works to the interior of Supercuts have been carried out this week, while track waterproofing works have also continued.

### Victoria Square

Areas of Victoria Square have been resurfaced to allow for a change of footpath configuration so that excavation works can take place. The gas main diversion works have also continued to move forward, while utility company Engie has carried out trial holes and set up a compound in preparation for further utility diversion works in the coming weeks.

### Paradise Street

Backfilling works have taken place along Paradise Street so that kerbs and paving can be installed.

### Broad Street

Works to install tree pits at the corner of Bridge Street have been completed, allowing paving works in this area to recommence, while paving works in Centenary Square are expected to be completed in six weeks.



## All aboard as exhibition bus hits the streets

Residents and businesses got to find out all about our upcoming plans during the first of our weekly pop-up events in Broad Street.

Our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officers Amy Walker and Shervorne Brown were on hand to answer questions and give an update on the route during the event on Thursday last week.

The events, being held every Thursday on an exhibition bus parked in various locations, are a chance for people to talk to us face-to-face and learn more about our plans to transform the region.

The next one will be held in Brindleyplace on 28 March from 10am until 3pm. Further dates include:

4 April 2019	11 April 2019
25 April 2019	9 May 2019



## Meet senior team on walkabout

You can meet TfWM Managing Director, Laura Shoaf and Director of West Midlands Metro, Phil Hewitt, as they walk the route together with the Midland Metro Alliance Project Director, Paul Brown, on Tuesday 9 April. If you would like them to pop in to speak with you, please email [communications@metroalliance.co.uk](mailto:communications@metroalliance.co.uk)



## Tell us how you travel

Do you travel around Five Ways and/or along Hagley Road? Our friends at Network West Midlands want to know more about your journey and if you would consider making a change, such as travelling at a different time or car sharing.

Lots of organisations, including us, are working to improve the way we travel in and around the West Midlands and at times there may be unavoidable disruption.

To help us help you, and to be in with a chance of winning a £30 high street voucher, please take TfWM's quick survey, here: [networkwm.com/HagleyRd](http://networkwm.com/HagleyRd)



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