

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.

Phase One
progress
68%

Track
installation
progress
10%



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.

Traffic is flowing in the opposite direction near Bishopsgate Street until Thursday 18 April.

The road narrows on Bridge Street until Sunday 14 April.

Three way traffic signals including pedestrian crossing are in place outside the Jury's Inn, Broad Street, until Thursday 18 April.

One lane is also closed on Broad Street between Ryland Street and Sheepcote Street until Thursday 18 April.

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

Second stage concrete has been poured, while temporary resurfacing works have also taken place to make way for a pedestrian footpath.

Pinfold Street

A lot of progress has been made this week with first stage concrete poured along the majority of bays, ready for track to be installed in the coming days.

Victoria Square

Gas main diversion works have progressed and once complete backfilling works and the construction of track slab will commence.

Paradise Street

Preparations have been made to extend the track towards Paradise Circus, while shuttering has been installed ready for the pouring of first stage concrete.

Broad Street

Progress continues to be made on the paving and drainage works.

Children to learn about dangers of playing near construction sites

Bring your children along to Birmingham Library to learn all about the dangers of playing on or near construction sites.

Our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officers Amy Walker and Shervorne Brown will be teaching children how to spot construction hazards, together with Considerate Constructors Scheme mascots Ivor and Honor Goodsite. There will be fun and games too, with a hunt the hazard competition and the chance to be entered into a prize draw.

You can join the team at the library on Thursday 18 April and Friday 26 April from 12-4pm.



Five Ways underpass to close for next stage of works

Five Ways underpass will close to all traffic from Monday 3 June as works on the extension gather pace. The underpass will remain closed for the duration of construction until late 2021 when services commence to the new Metro terminus at 54 Hagley Road. Shortly after the closure of the underpass, vehicular traffic will be restricted along sections of Broad Street as construction in the city's vibrant entertainment centre also gets underway.

Five Ways roundabout, which runs above the underpass, will remain open in all directions to allow access in and out of Birmingham city centre. Roads and public transport will be busier than normal while these essential works take place and the advice is to plan ahead, leave more time for journeys and consider switching to public transport.

Before these closures take place, we will be installing complementary highway measures around Gas and Berkley Street, which are designed to make it easier for people wanting to access Westside's business, entertainment and leisure facilities to get around during the works.

For any further information about the work, please visit: www.metroalliance.co.uk. For wider Birmingham travel information visit <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/connected>

For information on public transport in the West Midlands visit <https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/plan-your-journey/major-roadworks-and-events/five-ways-underpass-closure/>



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