

# 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  
track  
installation  
progress  
34%**



## 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.

Five Ways underpass will close to all traffic from Monday 3 June until 2021 as works continue for phase two of the Birmingham Westside extension. The roundabout, which runs above the underpass, will remain open as usual throughout the closure as will pedestrian and cyclist access through the Five Ways concourse.

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

Excavation works at the tie-in (Wolverhampton bound) have finished and track has been installed.

### Pinfold Street

Waterproofing has been completed and vibration matting has been installed. This is ready for concrete to be poured.

### Victoria Square

Works to the front of Supercuts are nearing completion with glass now installed and painting almost complete.

### Paradise Street

Good progress has been made on the installation of paving, while concrete is set to be poured at the top of the street.

### Broad Street

Ducting works have continued, while 175sqm of concrete has been poured for paving works to recommence.

## City centre traffic changes will improve traffic flow

Traffic changes will shortly be introduced to ease congestion during the next phase of works to extend the Metro to Edgbaston.

Here, Tom Willetts, Project Lead, explains all.

### What will be happening?

As part of the changes, the direction of traffic will be reversed in Gas Street and Berkley Street. It will mean that Gas Street will accommodate inbound vehicles while Berkley Street will lead drivers southbound out of the city centre. A roundabout will also be installed at the junction of Berkley Street and Gas Street to further improve the movement of traffic.

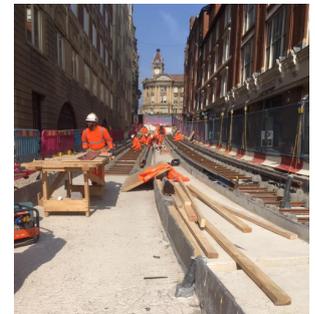
### Why are these works taking place?

Whilst these works will mean some initial disruption they will help improve traffic flow in the long run.

### When will the changes happen?

Work is set to start on Monday 13 May and is expected to last approximately four weeks. The changes will be implemented once construction is complete.

For more information visit <http://metroalliance.co.uk/projects/birmingham-westside-extension/>



## Saving energy at our sites

Did you know our compounds in Tennant Street and Swallow Street have been running on 100% renewable energy since the beginning of last year?

In doing so, we have made a carbon saving of 74.5t CO2e. This is equivalent to burning roughly 26 tons of coal or 20 tons of oil for electricity. Using renewable energy company Good Energy has also meant that we have stopped using the generator at Swallow Street, saving 500 Litres of diesel a week.

In a further effort to reduce waste, the site teams have been reusing timber and old hoarding panels to make the moulds in which concrete will be poured.

## Meet the team

Meet TfWM Managing Director, Laura Shoaf and Director of West Midlands Metro, Phil Hewitt, when they walk the route together with the Midland Metro Alliance Project Director, Paul Brown, on Tuesday 14 May. If you would like them to pop in to speak with you, please email [communications@metroalliance.co.uk](mailto:communications@metroalliance.co.uk)

Meanwhile, we will be holding a pop-up event on an exhibition vehicle in Brindleyplace on Thursday 9 May from 10am until 3pm.



**How can I get further information?**

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