



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.

Gas utility diversions will be carried out on the footpath at the corner of Broad Street and Gas Street from Monday 13 May until Friday 17 May.

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.

Construction will commence on Monday 13 May for the installation of a mini roundabout at the junction of Berkley and Gas Street. This will be followed by the reversal of traffic flow on both streets. Traffic signs will go up in the coming days notifying residents of the closure.

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

Track has been set to the required height before second stage concrete is poured to lock it into place.

Pinfold Street

Kerbs have been laid and concrete is set to be poured in the coming days to allow the installation of paving for the footpath.

Victoria Square

Excavation works have taken place in Victoria Square this week.

Paradise Street

Paving works have commenced at the Victoria Square Metro stop and kerbs have also been laid. Meanwhile, concrete has been poured at the top of the street.

Staying on the right track brick by brick

Works in Paradise Street are on the right track with the area now beginning to take shape.

Much of the paving has been laid with the rails embedded, ready for the route to open for passenger service later this year.

These sections are now in the finish design stage with the remainder of the street expected to have paving installed in the coming weeks.

Works got underway in Paradise Street in 2017 and the first phase of the extension to Centenary Square are just months away from completion.

Once open for passenger service in December you will be able to travel to popular attractions including the Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, the International Convention Centre and Symphony Hall.



We've picked a winner!

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Hunt the Hazard competition at Birmingham Library.

We have now picked a winner and are pleased to announce that Cassius, from Leicester, has scooped the top prize, which includes a day out with his family at the Lego Discovery Centre and the National Sealife Centre.

The event at the library was held to teach children all about the dangers of playing on or near construction sites.

Helping people into employment

The Midland Metro Alliance's Skills and Inclusions Lead, Rose Rees, presented to 40 job centre work coaches about the opportunities available to those not in employment.

As well as an update on the progress of the schemes, Rose also spoke about how we have helped the unemployed through career roadshows and our ongoing works with schools and youth organisations.



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