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.

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

Metro extension work this week

Stephenson Street
Second stage concrete has been poured at the tie-in.

Pinfold Street
Kerbing works have continued along Pinfold Street, while a base layer of concrete has been poured on the Victoria Square House side of the footpath ready for paving to be installed.

Victoria Square
Good progress has been made on excavation works currently taking place in Victoria Square.

Paradise Street
Paving at the Victoria Square tram stop has progressed and is now moving towards Suffolk Street Queensway.

Broad Street
Progress continues to be made on utility diversions and the removal of an old pipe, while paving works are also ongoing.

Start of enabling works for new steps to platform
Enabling works have now begun in Hill Street to allow for the construction of new steps that will lead to the Victoria Square tram stop.

These works, lasting approximately four weeks, will involve enlarging a manhole in Hill Street.

In the spotlight: All Greek Streetfood
An authentic Greek restaurant in the heart of Birmingham city centre, the All Greek Streetfood in Stephenson Street is a welcome addition to the city’s food and takeaway scene.

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Win a VIP ticket to Metro’s 20th birthday celebrations
A lucky winner will be invited to celebrate the Metro’s 20th birthday.

The event will be held on Thursday 30 May from 10:30am until noon at the Metro Centre, Potters Lane, Wednesbury.

The winner will get the chance to see behind the scenes at the depot and take home a goodie bag.

Closing date for all entries is Sunday 19 May. To enter the competition visit ow.ly/Mgu250u8Qju, fill in your details and say what the Metro means to you.

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