



# 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.

The junction of Granville Street and Broad Street will be closed to all vehicles from Monday 10 June for approximately five weeks. This is to facilitate the replacement of a gas main. Pedestrian, cyclist and car park access will be maintained.

The junction of Berkley Street and Holliday Street will be closed for resurfacing works on Sunday 2 and Sunday 9 June.

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

Good progress has been made in Stephenson Street with decorative concrete now poured at the tie-in.

### Pinfold Street

More paving and kerbing works have taken place and the area is now beginning to take shape.

### Victoria Square

Concrete has been poured for the base of the track while steel fixing works for the floating track, which will minimise noise and vibration when the Metro is in operation, has continued.

### Paradise Street

Paving and kerbing works have continued to move forward this week, while drainage works have been carried out for the installation of asphalt on Suffolk Street Queensway.

### Broad Street

Ducting works for the traffic signals has taken place in Broad Street this week.

## Thanks to Colliers and tenants for support

We would like to thank staff at commercial real estate agency Colliers International and tenants in Stephenson Street for their patience and support during the closure of Colonnade Car Park. Colliers helped deliver parking passes arranged by the Midland Metro Alliance's Stakeholder team as well as advising of suitable dates. Their support allowed us to move forward with the installation of rail and resurfacing works.

## Minister visits Metro extension works

We welcomed Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss to our construction site to see first-hand how this ambitious project will help transform the West Midlands.

The Minister was given a tour of the works in Paradise Street and shown the progress that has been made since works got underway in 2017.



## How to keep moving during the Five Ways underpass closure

Five Ways underpass will close to all traffic from Monday 3 June when the next phase of the project gets underway. It will remain closed until 2021. To keep people moving during these works we will be making temporary road traffic changes including introducing new bus lanes and traffic lights to give buses priority.

How you can help:

- Plan ahead and leave more time for your journey. If you travel along Hagley Road, you will need more time for your journey to take account of the closure at Five Ways underpass.
- Use public transport wherever possible. This is to reduce congestion on key roads.
- Travel off peak. Buses and roads will be quieter if you are able to travel 'off peak'. The busiest time to travel during weekdays is usually before 9.30am and after 3.30pm.
- Think about your options. Five Ways roundabout remains open, but will be busier than normal so consider using Google Maps or SatNav to plan an alternative route.
- Consider car sharing. Sharing your journey with friends, family or colleagues will reduce the amount of cars on the road.
- If you work, speak to your employer about whether there is any flexibility in your hours or times you could avoid travelling altogether, such as working from home.

For more information, maps and help planning your journey while the work takes place, please visit [networkwmm.com/FiveWays](http://networkwmm.com/FiveWays)



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