Metro extension work this week

**Stephenson Street**
- Paving has been completed in the area around Colonnade Car Park to allow it to reopen, while the second phase of decorative concrete pour has taken place as planned.

**Paradise Circus (A38)**
- Sleeper track, which will support the rails, have been laid and track has been installed along Paradise Circus this week.

**Victoria Square**
- Progress has been made on the steel fixing works for the floating track, which will minimise noise and vibration when the Metro is in operation.

**Paradise Street**
- Drainage and kerbing works on Suffolk Street/Queensway have been completed and road surfacing has now begun.

**Broad Street**
- More ducting work has taken place for the traffic signals and drainage works including gully pipe connections have continued.

**Traffic reversal to ease congestion**
- Traffic will be reversed on Gas and Berkley Street from Monday 10 June in an effort to ease congestion during the next phase of the Metro extension to Edgbaston.

- It will mean that Gas Street will lead drivers southbound out of Broad Street.
- A roundabout will also be in operation at the junction of both roads.
- The curved section of the track, has now been laid providing a clear sign that construction is continuing at pace and on schedule.

**Traffic signals and new road layout**
- Traffic signals will be installed along Paradise Circus, marking a significant step in extending the Metro network to Edgbaston, construction in the underpass is already underway with the demolition of the central reservation now almost complete.

**Publicity of the closure also continued this week**
- with news reports on BBC WM, Midlands Today and ITV News Central, notifying the public of the works and diversion in place, while members of our Engagement Team were on hand to answer any enquiries and keep people updated.

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**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 now closed to vehicles, while buses are diverting via Sheepcote Street and Barth Row. Traffic on Brunel Street will flow in the opposite direction for the duration of the closure.

- **Five Ways underpass** is closed to vehicle 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.

- 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 access will be maintained.

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

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

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