

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.

Five Ways underpass is closed to traffic 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 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 is closed to all vehicular traffic for approximately five weeks whilst gas diversion works are underway.

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/Pinfold Street

Concrete has been poured for the decorative paving, while more paving and kerbing has been laid in Pinfold Street.

Victoria Square

Concrete has been poured for the base of the track.

Paradise Street/Paradise Circus

Kerbs and the frame for the Metro stop have been installed, while good progress has been made on the balustrade installation for the retaining wall. Excavation works in Suffolk Street Queensway have been completed and concrete has been poured to allow the rails to be linked.

Broad Street

Ducting works for the traffic signals have continued to move forward this week.

Five Ways Underpass

The entire central reservation has been removed from Five Ways underpass, while excavation works to ascertain the depth of an existing cable has been completed, with further trial holes planned over the coming weeks.



Find out more about all things Metro at the Jewellery Quarter Festival

We will be teaming up with colleagues from West Midlands Metro at the annual Jewellery Quarter Festival, which takes place on Saturday 29 June and Sunday 30 June in Golden Square and St Paul's Square.

You can join us at Golden Square between 10am and 3pm on the Saturday and find out about all things Metro, as well as drive a tram from St Paul's to the forthcoming new terminus at Centenary Square on our state-of-the-art simulator.

You can find out more about what's on at the festival at <https://jewelleryquarter.net/>



Graduates go 'Back to School' to teach light rail module

Graduates are heading back to school until July to support students who are learning about urban construction.

It's the second year that we have taught this mix of classroom learning and practical construction experience to students from West Midlands University Technical College. Students, aged 15 - 17, are learning how to install sleepers, track-bed elements and to use innovative technologies which will transform light rail in the West Midlands.

You can find out more information about West Midlands UTC, which is currently recruiting students from across the West Midlands for Years 10 and 12, by visiting www.westmidstut.co.uk.

Supporting those who are 'keener to be greener' on Clean Air Day 2019

We were pleased to mark Clean Air Day 2019 by supporting Colmore BID's city centre event on Thursday 20 June.

We joined Birmingham City Council, National Express West Midlands, Brompton Bikes, Public Health England and West Midlands Railway in the public square at St. Philip's Cathedral.

Colmore BID hosted the event to highlight the work that was underway as part of the city's sustainability agenda and how the 35,000 people working in the business district can help.

Staff at the alliance also marked Clean Air Day with their own sustainability pledges, which included growing their own food, switching to renewable energy and cycling to and from work.



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