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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, which is being designed and delivered by the Midland Metro Alliance on behalf of Transport for West Midlands (TfWM).

Phase One
track
installation
complete



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.

Bus services 9, 10, 12, 12A, 13, 13A, 126, X8, X10 will not stop along Broad Street until spring 2020. Services 23 and 24 have also been diverted travelling out of the city. Cars, taxis and delivery vehicles will be able to access Broad Street between Sheepcote Street and Gas Street.

A section of footpath outside Morrisons supermarket will be partially closed until February 2020 to allow for utility works.

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

Victoria Square

More progress has been made on the installation of coping stones to the retaining wall. The stones will protect the wall from water damage.

In addition, members of the construction team watched first hand as an iron gate being prepared for Victoria Square House was cast ahead of installation.

Paradise Street/Paradise Circus

Paving works have continued in Paradise Street. Meanwhile, preparations have been made for the installation of tactile paving in Paradise Circus.

Broad Street

Paving on the tram stop platforms has commenced this week. Over in Broad Street, excavation works have been completed to the canal bridge.

Five Ways Underpass

Kerbing has been installed this week.

Cancer awareness

Did you know it is estimated that by 2030 there will be over a million people of working age living with cancer?

As part of awareness activities for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Ali Stunt, founder of Pancreatic Cancer Action visited our team with an inspiring and informative session on the UK's fifth biggest cancer killer.

Ali shared advice and guidance on how to spot the signs of the cancer including how swift and early diagnosis saves lives.

Find out more at:

<https://pancreaticcanceraction.org/>



Metro to return to platform

Trams will revert to using the Wolverhampton bound platform at Grand Central as the new line to Centenary Square gears up for its opening next month.

Passengers heading towards Wolverhampton will now need to board from platform 2 with the stop set to reopen from Sunday (1 December).

The stop immediately outside Birmingham New Street railway station will revert to being used as a terminus.

The platform was closed in 2018 to allow the Midland Metro Alliance to connect the existing track on Stephenson Street to the new lines.

With these works now complete, trams have fast become a familiar sight along the new line following the start of driver route familiarisation over the last week.

Final tests and driver route familiarisation are being carried out ahead of the upcoming opening of the route to Centenary Square with the new tram stops now dressed and ready to welcome passengers.



How can I get further information?

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