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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

Handrails have been installed on the Victoria Square steps, while paving works have continued at the top of Hill Street.

Paradise Street/Paradise Circus

Final finishing works have been carried out to the tram stops in Paradise Street.

Centenary Square/Broad Street

Good progress has been made on paving works to the platform and balustrade to the tram stops. Meanwhile bus stop shelters have been installed and tarmac has been laid for the bus lanes.

Over on Broad Street, steel reinforcement has been installed to the canal bridge to allow for the pouring of concrete to the bridge deck.

Five Ways Underpass

More kerbing works have taken place on the Birmingham bound side of the route.

Sleepers installed as underpass works roll on

The first sleepers and pieces of tram track have been installed at Five Ways underpass marking a major step forward in construction for the Edgbaston phase of the project.

About 100m of track has now been laid, marking a significant step forward in construction.

It means that this section of the second phase of the project is now starting to take shape giving a feel of what the area will look like when the tram is in operation.



All aboard as tram carries full load of passengers for test

Staff who have worked on the extension to Centenary Square have taken part in passenger load tests this week.

As the testing and commissioning on this stretch of newly laid track continues, members of the alliance team alongside colleagues from Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) and West Midlands Metro boarded a tram on its journey from Grand Central to the new Library stop at Centenary Square and back again.

The load tests are commonly carried out using sandbags but, on this occasion, real people were involved, allowing staff to travel along the new route they helped to build.

Trams are fast becoming a familiar sight in this part of the city centre following the start of driver route familiarisation and timetable testing over the last week.

Join us at our drop-in events

Residents and businesses are being invited to informal drop-in events where they can find out more about the works.

Join us at our offices in Alpha Tower for a hot drink and a mince pie and hear about our plans for the next stage of construction.

The events will take place on Tuesday (10 December) from 5pm until 7pm and Wednesday (11 December) between 2.30pm and 5pm, and will be an opportunity for you to speak to the team, learn more about the new route and view plans for our construction strategy.

If you are interested in attending, please register at www.metroalliance.co.uk/metroevents



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