

Birmingham Westside Metro Extension



The construction team have continued to make great strides with the project and Broad Street has been transformed with new paving in place across the majority of the 'golden mile', track installed all the way from Centenary Square to Five Ways island and trams stops erected at Brindleyplace and Five Ways.

Much of this work has been accelerated during the pandemic in an effort to benefit the many bars, restaurants, venues and attractions who have been unable to open fully during the national and local Covid-19 restrictions.

Over the coming weeks the public can expect to see track laying wrapping up with just the final works, including street scene improvements and the installation of overhead line equipment, along with essential testing and commissioning, left to complete during the spring and summer.

► What progress has been made along Broad Street?

Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Hoarding has been removed along the majority of this section allowing much of the area to be opened up to pedestrians. All of the new paving, street furniture and lighting columns have also been installed.

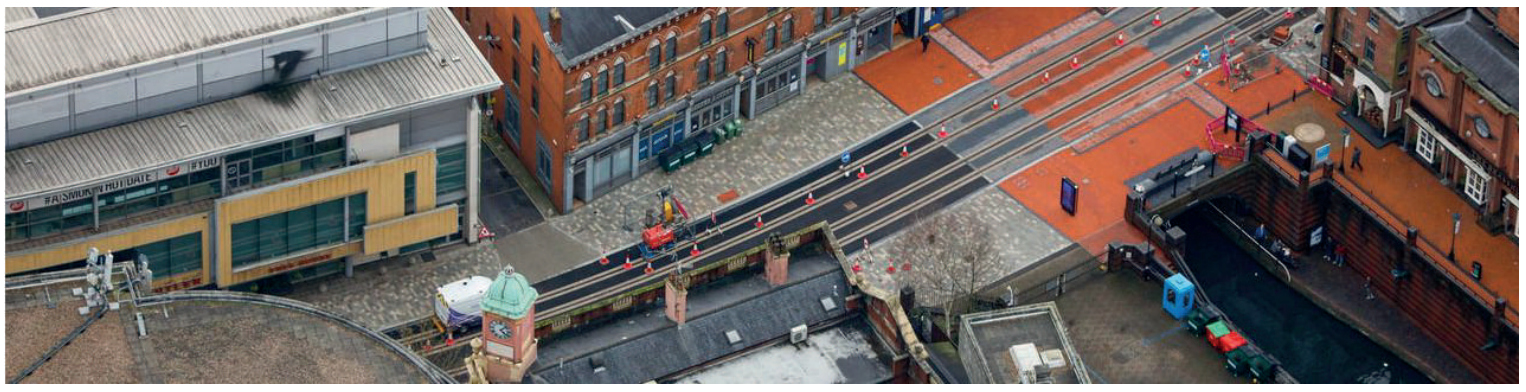
O Bar to Jurys Inn

New paving is set to be installed in the coming weeks after the final piece of track along Broad Street was completed in this area last December. Kerbing works have also been completed, while works are currently underway to complete the bus lay by.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

The tram stops at Brindleyplace have been installed and were the first of the three new stops to be erected. Paving has been completed to the outbound side of the street, while these works are also underway on the inbound section as far as O Neil's.





Moda Living to Five Ways underpass

The installation of the Five Ways tram stop is now underway and most of the paving has been laid. The team are currently working to complete paving to the front of Pryzm and Pure Gym. Progress also includes the installation of all of the tree pits and new lighting columns.



Five Ways underpass to Morrisons

The construction team are continuing to make progress on the installation of ducting for the substation. The substation is expected to be completed later this year.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

The foundations for the tram stops are currently being installed, while paving works are set to get underway outside of 54 Hagley Road in the coming weeks.

► Will Broad Street reopen in one go or in sections?

Midland Metro Alliance will officially hand over control of Broad Street to Birmingham City Council in its entirety at the end of construction. We will continue to open sections for public access as the works progress.

► What will happen to the walk of stars once paving works are completed?

The walk of stars along Broad Street have been removed and safely put into storage to allow the Midland Metro Alliance to carry out works to refresh the street scene including the installation of new paving. The Midland Metro Alliance has been working closely with the Westside BID on the removal of the stars and, as agreed, all stars will be returned to the BID once our works have been completed. The final location of the stars will be decided by the BID and Birmingham City Council.



► Will Five ways underpass reopen?

Yes, Five ways underpass will reopen later in 2021. However, how the reopening will impact vehicles is under review by Birmingham City Council, which is responsible for the highway.

► Will traffic on Gas Street and Berkley run as it did previously (turn into Gast Street and out of Berkley Street)?

Gas and Berkley Street will revert to the original permanent sign-posted road layout once the project is completed.

► How can I stay updated on the progress of the works?

You can contact our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer, Shervorne Brown on the details overleaf.

► Share your reopening plans

Following the government's announcement of a plan for easing lockdown, the Midland Metro Alliance is asking businesses along the route to share their reopening plans with Shervorne Brown to allow us to coordinate our works where possible.

► New paving helps transform 'golden mile'

Visitors to Broad Street will notice a significant change to the 'golden mile' with new paving now installed along the length of the route.

The area is continuing to take shape and is being transformed aesthetically with the addition of the new slabs.

Although the recent wintery weather added some challenges, schedules have been accelerated to ensure much of this finishing activity is able to be completed whilst businesses remain closed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The construction team are continuing to make even more progress with these works now underway further along the route near to the Five Ways island.



Maria Ion, Project Lead, said: "The team are continuing to make great strides on the project and although the recent poor weather hasn't been on our side there has been significant progress made on the installation of paving. The area is really starting to take shape and I am proud of the team who have continued to work so hard throughout the global pandemic."



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