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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).



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 finishing works currently taking place in the area. 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.

From Thursday 2 January 2020 there will be no access to Broad Street from Bridge Street for vehicles. Access to frontages will be maintained at all times, as well as access for pedestrians.

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

Broad Street

Asphalt has been installed to the canal bridge in preparation for the area reopening for public access in the coming days. Meanwhile, CCTV cameras have been installed along Broad Street on behalf of West Midlands Police Authority and Birmingham City Council.

Five Ways underpass

Rail has been installed, clipped, lined and welded, while good progress has continued to be made on the installation of paving.

First rails welded into place

Yet another milestone has been reached on the Edgbaston phase of the project with the recently installed track now welded into place.

About 100m of track was installed at Five Ways underpass earlier this month. It means that 10 per cent of the rail required for this phase of the project has been complete marking a significant step forward in construction.



Site hoarding to be installed on Broad Street as work ramps up

Work to extend the Metro will re-commence in the area from Thursday 2 January when installation of site hoarding begins in areas of Broad Street (between Bridge Street and Gas Street, along with Berkley Street and Granville Street).

The main construction work in these areas is set to begin on Monday 6 January and initially consists of removing the existing road surface.

Wishing all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Westside Weekly will resume on Friday 10 January.



Mayor thanks staff as new line opens

Mayor of the West Midlands Andy Street gave a special 'thank you' to staff who have helped build the new line from Grand Central to Centenary Square.

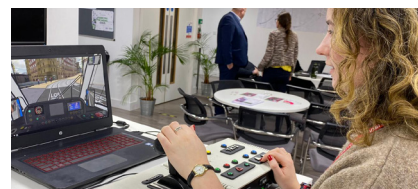
The extension opened to passengers on Wednesday 11 December and Andy visited our offices on Monday (16 December) to mark the successful launch and to thank everyone in person for playing their part in helping to transform the West Midlands.

Residents and businesses attend drop-in events

We welcomed residents and businesses to our offices in Alpha Tower to find out more about our works.

They enjoyed a hot drink and a festive mince pie as they met the team and heard about our plans for the next stage of construction.

Guests also got to test out their tram driving skills on a simulator travelling from Grand Central to Centenary Square.



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