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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.

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

Good progress has been made in Broad Street with road surface removal now underway. Excavation works have also begun, between Sheepcote Street and Ryland/Bishopgate Street, to make way for new communications ducting.

Five Ways underpass

Eighty per cent of the kerbing works have been completed, meanwhile drainage works have continued on the Edgbaston bound track.

Road surface removed as work ramps-up

Behind the recently installed hoarding the construction team has been hard at work and much progress has already been made.

All of the existing road surface has now been removed between Bridge Street and Gas Street, while 50 per cent of these works have been completed between Berkley Street and Granville Street.

Construction in these sections got underway earlier this month following the installation of hoarding panels. These planing works are expected to be finished in the coming days and will be followed by the breaking out of the concrete road base.



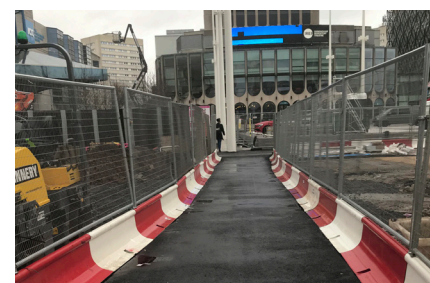
Utility works

Utility works will be taking place on Holliday Street near its junction with Suffolk Street Queensway on Monday 20 until Sunday 26 January.

These works will be taking place between 9pm and 7am. During this time, access will be maintained for all vehicles except large goods vehicles, due to the dimensions of the works.

Vehicles exceeding a height of 12-6" will be restricted by the bridge on Holliday Street, and should therefore plan their journeys and delivery times accordingly. Traffic marshals will also be in place to direct traffic when necessary.

Our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officers, Shervorne Brown and Jack Stacey, are available to contact on the details below should you have any questions about the work, or require further information about the project.



Bespoke walkway for pedestrians

Another bespoke walkway has been installed along Broad Street for pedestrians.

It will provide easy access to Centenary Square following the closure of a footpath, which runs adjacent to the International Convention Centre, to allow for utility works. The closure will be in place from Monday 20 January until week commencing Monday 17 February.

Several walkways have already been created along Broad Street since construction got underway allowing people to visit the many bars, restaurants, shops and amusements during our works.



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