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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:

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.

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

Excavation works have got underway between Bridge Street and Gas Street, while work has continued on the breaking out and removal of concrete between Berkley Street and Granville Street. Good progress has also been made on the installation of ducting between Sheepcote Street and Ryland/Bishopsgate Street.

Five Ways underpass

Sections of rail have been clipped and welded on the Birmingham and Edgbaston bound lines, while the kerb line has also been broken out this week.



Donate your unwanted suits for charity

Businesses can donate unwanted suits and workwear to Suited For Success, a local charity that provides free interview clothes to unemployed people in the West Midlands.

Recruitment agency Michael Page is supporting Suited for Success by offering a drop off point at their offices in Brindleyplace. Staff will be collecting donations of unwanted business or smart workwear between Monday 10 to Friday 14 February.

A drop off will be available between 8am and 6.30pm at 4 Brindleyplace. For more information email lauraevans@michaelpage.com with the subject heading 'BigsuitDropOff'.

Still time to find out more about our plans

There is still time for you to register your interest to attend our information session.

The event, being held on Friday 7 February, is a chance for residents and businesses to find out more about our plans.

You will also get the chance to speak to members of the Engagement Team about the construction of the Metro along Broad Street, ask questions about the route and view plans about our construction strategy.

Why not join us at the Walkabout, Broad Street from 3pm until 4.30pm to find out more?

You can register your interest by visiting www.metroalliance.co.uk/metroevents

Sustainable travel group takes ride on new route

Members of an organisation which campaigns for sustainable travel took a ride along the new line to Centenary Square to learn more about how the extension was built and the sustainable benefits it will bring to the region.

With the Birmingham Westside extension helping to improve sustainable transport options in the city centre, the group, from Act TravelWise, travelled on the metro from Grand Central where they were given an overview of the project along with some useful facts and figures on building a city centre extension.

Hamish Falconer, Assistant Project Manager for the route, joined Durvane Andrews, Customer Service Officer for West Midlands Metro, in giving a talk to the group about the construction work involved in the project and day-to-day operations.



How can I get further information?

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