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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.

Kerbing works are taking place on Navigation Street until 13 March. During this time, the kerb outside of New Street Railway Station will be realigned to accommodate a new one-way system on Pinfold Street and Stephenson Street.

Paving works will be taking place adjacent to Suffolk Street Queensway from Thursday 20 February until Friday 20 March 2020. Walkways will be created for access to the HSBC bank and HQ and the steps leading to Alpha Tower.

Temporary traffic lights will be removed from Bath Row at the junction of Granville Street on Wednesday 26 February between 8pm and 6pm.

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 or follow @wmroads on Twitter

Metro extension work this week

Hyatt Regency to O Bar

This section is in the early stages of construction and this week the team has been removing the road surface and concrete. These works are essential to ensure that the team can safely install a new reinforced concrete base for the track to be built on.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Good progress has been made on the excavation of the road surface. There is a large volume of redundant services in this section that have not been touched for several decades and are now decommissioned. The team has been carefully excavating around these utilities and checking their status before removing any redundant pipes.

Lee Longlands to Cineworld

Work to pour the first stage of reinforced concrete across this section has been completed. This will seal the underlying soil from the elements and provide a reinforced, secure base to build track on. Construction has also forged ahead on the excavation, shuttering and pouring of the tram stop foundations to provide a stable base for the tram shelters. Meanwhile, excavation works have been carried out for communications and traction power ducting, and inspection chambers have also been installed. These will provide the conduit through which the tram systems will be threaded and will also allow the tram to function once commissioned.

Cineworld to Morrisons

A total of 300m of twin-track has now been installed, while concrete pours have taken place to provide a reinforced track base. A new drainage system has also been installed this week along with ducting routes which will form an integral part of how the tram system is operated.



Teams battle storms Ciara and Dennis

The past two weekends have seen storms Ciara and Dennis cause disruption for much of the UK with high winds and torrential downpours. Whilst most of us followed Met Office advice and stayed safe indoors travelling only when necessary, spare a thought for our Traffic Management and Construction teams who worked throughout both storms to ensure temporary traffic measures, such as cones and signage, as well as the hoarding panels remained safe and in place across our worksites.

Dan Colley, Assistant Delivery Manager for the Midland Metro Alliance, said: "The Traffic Management and Construction teams worked tirelessly during the poor weather to ensure that our work sites and surrounding areas remained safe and secure. Good communication between stakeholders and Site Operatives allowed us to keep Broad Street safe and tidy during even the most dramatic weather. I'd like to thank the teams for their fantastic work throughout the West Midlands in some really difficult working conditions."



Join us on the exhibition bus

Don't forget – you can pop in and chat to our stakeholder liaison officers at a drop-in event in Brindleyplace this week.

Shervorne Brown and Jack Stacey will be available for all of your burning questions at the exhibition bus on Wednesday 26 February. Pop by and see them between 10am and 3pm.



How can I get further information?

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