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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.

There is no vehicular access to Broad Street from Bridge Street (access is to frontages only)

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 are taking place adjacent to Suffolk Street Queensway until Friday 20 March 2020. Walkways have been created for access to the HSBC bank and HQ and the steps leading to Alpha Tower.

We recommend that you allow extra time, use real-time information to plan your trip, use public transport if you can and consider retiming your journey, if possible.

For travel advice, visit: <https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/campaigns/keep-moving/> or follow @wmroads on Twitter.

Metro extension work this week



Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Construction in this section has progressed well this week with works to break out the road surface and remove concrete now complete. A new reinforced concrete base, on which the track will be laid, is to be installed in the coming weeks.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Works have continued to move forward with stage one concrete now poured for the Edgbaston bound line. Tests to measure the load bearing strength of the road have been completed and passed this week, while the road surface has now been completely removed.

Lee Longlands to Cineworld

Construction has continued to move forward with concrete foundations for the Edgbaston bound tram stop poured and waterproofed. This will provide a stable base for the tram shelters to be anchored into. Meanwhile, drainage and ducting has been installed for both tram stop foundation sets, with these ducting works nearing completion.

Cineworld to Morrisons

The team has continued to clip the recently installed rail, while excavation works have taken place towards Morrisons for the track support systems. More concrete has been poured for the reinforced track base and steelwork has been installed for the concrete shoulder. Also this week, kerbs have been installed outside Cineworld and excavation works have continued for the base of the track.



Exhibition bus is a success

Our Stakeholder Liaison Officers Shervorne Brown and Jack Stacey held a drop-in event in Broad Street for residents and businesses.

They were on board an exhibition vehicle to answer questions, provide an update on the progress of the works and share our construction plans.

If you were unable to attend and would like to find out more about the project, you can get in touch with Shervorne and Jack on the contact details below.

Newly installed track welded into place

More of the track laid in Five Ways underpass has been welded.

A total of 74 welds have been installed to date marking a significant step forward in construction. Rail is welded to form the track before it is secured in place by concrete.

About 300 metres of double track has been installed in the underpass, which closed to traffic in late June 2019 to allow the Metro works to take place.

Paul Brown, Construction Director for the Midland Metro Alliance, added: "We are thrilled to have laid and welded the first tracks in the underpass, just a short time after it was closed to traffic. It is great that we are able to celebrate yet another success following the opening of the route from Grand Central to Centenary Square, ahead of schedule. As the year progresses, those in the area will see the team busy at work in Broad Street and the Five Ways area as construction ramps up."



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