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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)

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

This week, the team has started to excavate the top surface of soil, while trial hole works to allow for the investigation of the underground utility infrastructure have been completed.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Good progress continues to be made in this section with the road surface now completely removed in the Sainsbury's area, which has allowed the team to start on stone installation works. Meanwhile, construction for the tram stop foundations has also got underway and stage one concrete has also been poured on the Wolverhampton bound line and is almost complete.

Lee Longlands to Cineworld

Drainage works for the tram stop foundations have been completed and the area backfilled. Progress continues to be made on the installation of ducting for both tram stops, with these works expected to be complete in the coming weeks.

Cineworld to Morrisons

Track installation has proceeded strongly and is now 75 per cent complete. Also this week, concrete has been poured to a further four locations on the Edgbaston bound line and to the concrete shoulders on both the Wolverhampton and Edgbaston bound lines.



MMA scoops national site award

The Birmingham Westside Metro extension has won a 2020 Considerate Constructors Scheme National Site Award.

The awards recognise those sites registered with the scheme that have raised the bar for considerate construction.

The scheme looked at the measures the Midland Metro Alliance had put in place to be more considerate towards local neighbourhoods, the public, the workforce and the environment during construction on the first phase of the project to Centenary Square.

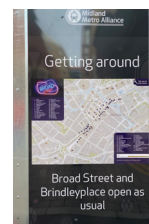
Organisers said: "These prestigious awards are only presented to the highest performing sites with the Considerate Constructors Scheme," adding: "Winning a National Site Award is an exceptional achievement, and recognises those sites that have made the greatest contribution towards raising standards in construction."

Hoarding helps visitors get around

New wayfinding hoarding has been installed along Broad Street to help visitors locate the many bars, restaurants and attractions the area has to offer while our works take place.

As well as a bustling nightlife, Broad Street and Brindleyplace has plenty to offer for daytime visitors including the popular Ikon Gallery and Symphony Hall, and with the new map showing where each of the attractions are located you'll be able to find your way around easily during construction.

Versions of the map are also available for you to pick up at all of the hotels along Broad Street, as well as the ICC and Library.



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