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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 for your journeys and use real time travel information to plan ahead. Use public transport if you can or consider re-timing your trips 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

Excavation works have continued on the interface with the Centenary Square extension this week, while the ends of the rail have been exposed from Centenary Square to prepare the area for excavation works to the base of the track.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Preparation works have got underway to allow ducting works and construction on the tram stop foundations to commence. Meanwhile, the area outside of Sainsbury's has been prepared for stage one concrete which will ensure the area is ready for ducting and track work.

Lee Longlands to Cineworld

Good progress has continued to be made in this section with ducting works now complete in areas and concrete poured for the kerbs. Hoarding limits have also been moved to allow the remaining ducting to be installed.

Cineworld to Morrisons

This week, excavation works for the track support systems have been completed towards Morrisons and stage two concrete pours have continued to the Edgbaston bound line, splitter island and kerbs. Also this week, steelwork has been installed and concrete poured for the concrete shoulder to the Wolverhampton bound line.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

Construction in this section has recently begun with trial holes to assess the depth and orientation of the existing utility services.



Successful factory test for track

The first Factory Acceptance Test on the crossing, which will guide the tram from one track to another at the Hagley Road terminus, has been successfully completed.

Members of the track team visited the factory where the track is being produced to check and accept the alignment and materials that conform the track design.

The test helps to identify any issues and correct them prior to shipment so that it is ready for installation when it arrives on site.

The successful completion of the test means the second stage of manufacturing can now begin. This will involve the crossover being encapsulated and reassembled for final inspection before it is delivered to site ready for installation later this year.



Black Sabbath hoarding featured in Ozzy's new video

We are delighted that our hoarding honouring Black Sabbath has been featured in Ozzy Osbourne's latest music video for his single Ordinary Man, featuring Elton John.

The panels depicting the heavy metal band members – Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler and Bill Ward – were installed to help mark their 50th anniversary year and in recognition of a commemorative bench from Westside BID which normally sits in the area.

The hoarding appears within the first 40 seconds of the music video for Ozzy's new single, which is the title track for his latest studio album, and as of 10am on Friday (March 13) had nearly 900k views.

The portraits were designed by artist Tarek Abdelkawi and the Midland Metro Alliance is encouraging fans to pose alongside the famous images and share their selfies using #BlackSabbathSelfie.



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