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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)

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

Tests to evaluate the strength of the road and pavement have been successful. Meanwhile, the area has been prepared for the first stage of concrete and more stone has been installed to provide a stable base for when the concrete is poured.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Work has been completed to prepare this area so that ducting can be installed. More progress has been made on the pouring of first stage concrete outside of Sainsbury's.

Lee Longlands to Cineworld

A total of 30m of kerbing has been installed to the east of the Five Ways tram stop, while works have taken place for the track bed at its interface with the adjoining section at Cineworld. Walkways have also been relocated to allow kerbing to be installed.

Cineworld to Morrisons

This week, second stage concrete has been poured for another five per cent of the route as well as the concrete shoulders on both the Wolverhampton and Edgbaston bound lines. Work has also taken place on the installation of kerb edging for the splitter island and retaining wall outside of Cineworld.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

Trial holes for the overhead line foundations have continued this week.



Construction demobilised in line with new government guidelines

The Midland Metro Alliance, together with local authority partners and Transport for West Midlands, is committed to delivering Metro extensions across Birmingham and the Black Country as part of our collective aim to improve public transport in the region.

Following the government's latest Coronavirus announcement on 23 March 2020, with an abundance of caution, the safety of our team and the public in mind, a decision has been made to temporarily pause construction activities directly being undertaken by the Midland Metro Alliance across all of our sites. Wider project activities, including detailed design, will continue as scheduled to maintain project momentum.

This is a challenging time for all and we will continue to follow official advice accordingly. Activities, and *Westside Weekly*, will resume on our sites as soon as we are able to do so.

Do not use public transport unless absolutely necessary

The public are being urged not to use buses, trains and trams unless absolutely essential to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Only critical workers or people collecting essential food and medicine supplies should be using public transport from now on.

The new travel guidelines issued this week by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), in partnership with local transport operators, is designed to help stop the spread of the virus, protect NHS staff and other key workers and save lives.

As services reduce these will be reviewed to meet the needs of these key groups and maintain access to essential public services at this unprecedented time.

The new advice states:

- Do not travel unless you have to and ensure you maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- Essential travel is to get supplies, support older or vulnerable people, travelling to school or going to work if your role is essential.
- Key workers will still be able to get to sites such as hospitals, however the time at which you normally travel may need to change.
- Operators are continuing to run first and last services where possible to ensure key workers can get to where they need to go.

Keep up to date with the latest travel advice at: www.wmnetwork.co.uk/networkoverview



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