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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 via Gas Street.

Only use public transport if you have no other travel options. This keeps the services safe and available for those who need them most.

If you do need to travel by public transport during this time, you can get the latest updates on bus, train or tram services by visiting: wmnetwork.co.uk/networkoverview

Metro extension work this week

All work being undertaken is done so with strict adherence to the latest government guidelines on social distancing and site operating procedures for the construction industry. All scheduled work is also subject to change, in light of the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Part of the road surface has been removed at the interface with the section of works at Jurys Inn. Excavation of the redundant road base has also taken place and new stone has been installed to provide a stable base for when concrete is poured.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Concrete excavation works have got underway this week, while planing works have been completed in the area between the ICC and Brasshouse service yard.

Lee Longlands to Cineworld

More progress has been made on the installation of kerbing, with 100m now installed. A total of 75m of concrete has been poured for the kerb edgings, while four drainage connections have also been completed.

Cineworld to Morrisons

Concrete pours for the concrete shoulders have been completed and stage two concrete has been poured around the drain system. Other work carried out this week includes the completion of the drainage connection into the kerb line, while planing has taken place on the slip road to prepare the area for resurfacing. Kerbing for the splitter island at Francis Road has been installed.

Track replacement works completed ahead of schedule

Essential track replacement works carried out on the West Midlands Metro line have been completed ahead of schedule.

The new track between, The Crescent and Priestfield tram stop, was laid to ensure a reliable service for customers, particularly key workers who rely on trams to provide vital support to our local communities during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Vicki Bennett, Customer Service Manager at West Midlands Metro, said: "We are delighted that these works have been completed ahead of schedule."



Photo credit: Simon Felton

Metro team helps raise funds for Covid-19 research

Metro team members helped raise £13k for essential research into a vaccine for Covid-19.

They joined colleagues at property and construction consultancy firm Ridge by taking part in running and cycling challenges for its Exercise for Victory fundraising event in support of the research being carried out by Oxford University.

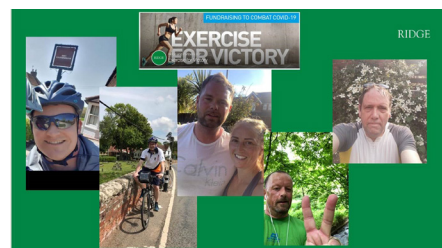
In addition to the 13k raised, Ridge has also pledged to donate £7,500 towards the cause, which aims to help protect communities both in the UK and around the world from the virus.

You can see the video of their efforts here: <https://youtu.be/7ac270wCoHc>

Meanwhile, the MMA will be helping to raise money for the Lighthouse Club, a charity that provides financial and emotional support to those in the construction industry, when staff take part in the 2.6 Challenge between 18-24 May.

The fundraiser involves participants taking part in socially distanced activities based around the numbers two and six.

All the money raised by the MMA will go towards helping the Lighthouse Club to operate its Construction Industry Helpline, which has seen a significant increase in demand with people struggling during the Covid-19 crisis.



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