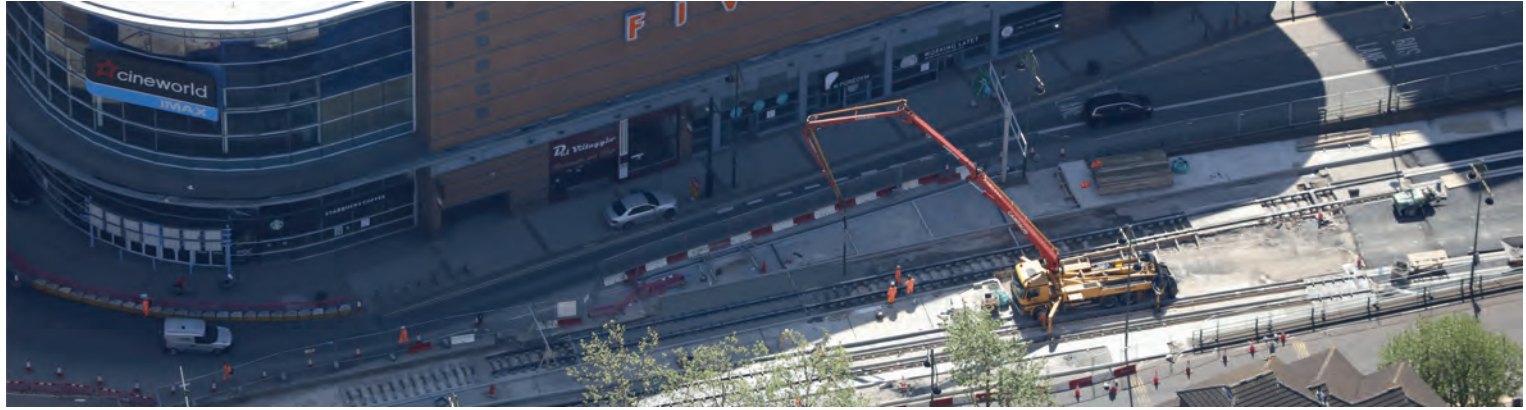


Birmingham Westside Metro Extension

STAKEHOLDER QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE | 25 JUNE 2020



Apart from a brief pause in activities, to protect the welfare of our staff and the general public, whilst we awaited crucial safety guidance from the Government and the Construction Leadership Council, our team have been working throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, albeit whilst adhering to stringent social distancing rules.

We recognise the impact that the coronavirus has had on all industries within the UK, but especially the retail and hospitality industries. Along Broad Street, whilst adhering to government guidelines, we have tried, where possible, to accelerate works in certain sections. You will notice, for example, that a considerable amount of track is now installed along Broad Street and a significant milestone, a 220m concrete pour took place on 24 June 2020.

We understand that with current lockdown restrictions slowly being lifted, local stakeholders may appreciate a more thorough update.

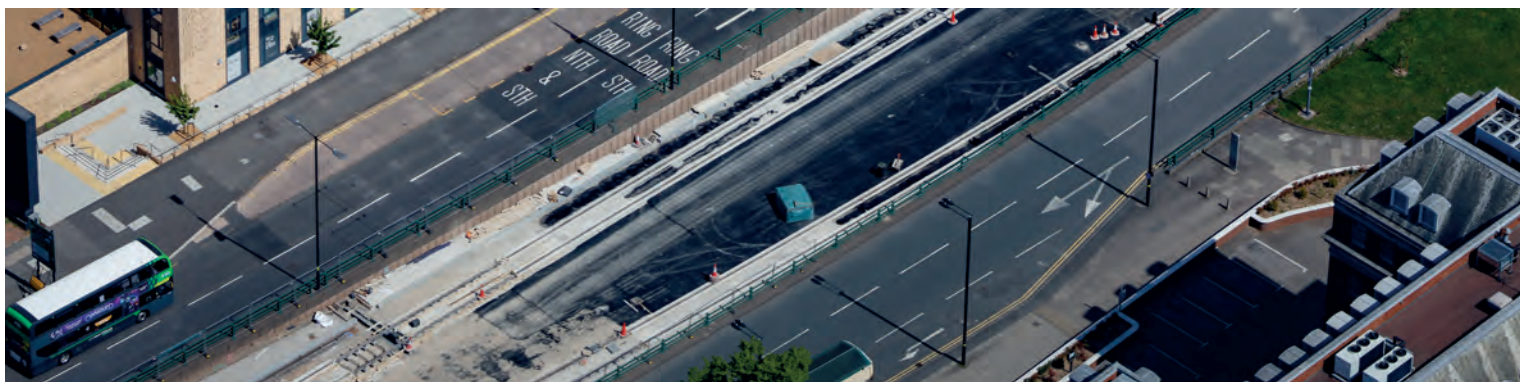
► When will construction be completed?

The aim is for the majority of construction to be completed by the end of 2020.

Towards the end of this year those living in or visiting Broad Street / Brindleyplace will notice a reduction in construction sites with site hoarding coming down and areas opening again. The team will still be present throughout 2021 with remedial works along with essential testing and commissioning.

In addition, as operational service gets closer, tram driver familiarisation will also take place during 2021.





► What are the completion dates for each section?

- o Section 4 (Bridge Street - Gas Street): October 2020
- o Section 5a Gas Street - Brindleyplace Service Yard: August 2020
- o Section 5b Brindleyplace service yard – Oozells Street: November 2020
- o Section 5 Street scene improvements (paving, trees etc.): September 2020
- o Section 6 Berkley Street – Sheepcote Street: October 2020
- o Section 7 Sheepcote Street – Ryland Street: September 2020
- o Section 8 Five Ways Underpass: September 2020
- o Section 9 Five Ways – Hagley Road: December 2020

Our overall aim is to improve on the dates above to continue to minimise disruption to businesses, residents and the travelling public allowing improved access to the area.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY BE IMPACTED BY UNKNOWN VARIABLES, INCLUDING A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC I.E A RETURN TO STRICTER RESTRICTIONS.



► Which sections will reopen first, and will road traffic be allowed back onto Broad Street?

Sections are due to open as per the attached phasing plan.

Road traffic consent is delegated by Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Police and not the Midland Metro Alliance.



► What works will be carried out post 2020?

As previously mentioned, team members from the Midland Metro Alliance will be present completing minor activities throughout 2021 and these include:

- o Street scene improvements across sections 4 to 6 on Broad Street and 9 on Hagley Road along with tram stop furniture along the new route
- o Installation of overhead line equipment along Broad Street and the substation at Five Ways
- o Tram testing and commissioning and installing final traffic signals / signage.



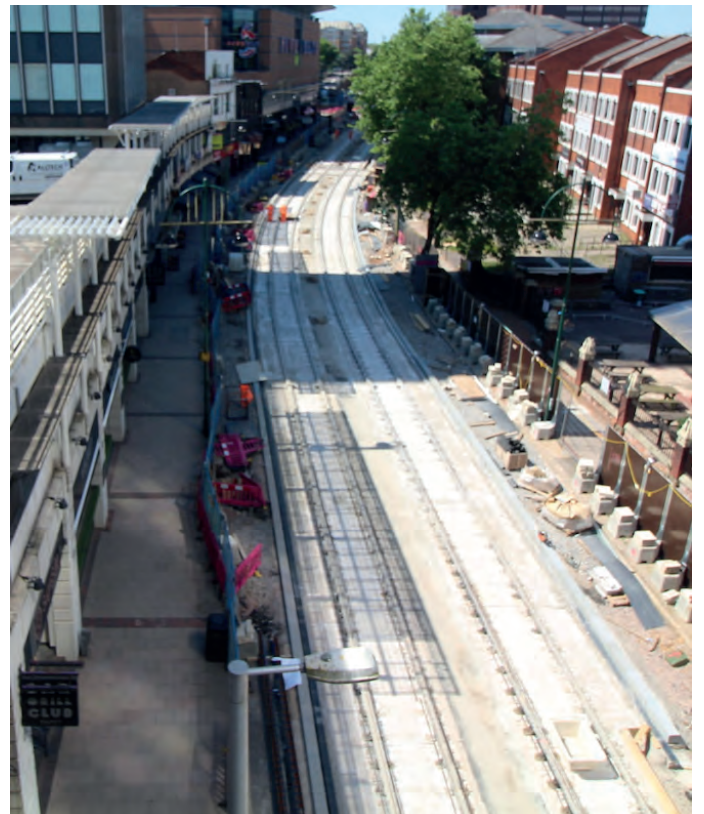
► Can I still gain access to my premises?

Yes, all businesses remain accessible. We have traffic management operatives in place in strategic locations to assist where needed.

► Significant progress continues to be made

A major milestone on the project was achieved on 24 June with the successful completion of the largest, continuous concrete pour undertaken for Metro construction in the region.

Concrete for a total area of 220m was poured along Broad Street in one effort across ten hours. A fleet of six trucks per hour from a local network of factories were used to deliver 55 loads for Wednesday's construction activity.



► When venues reopen, how will you control dust in the area when people are outside?

We have a dedicated resource on site who is responsible for keeping dust suppressed via the operation of a bowser.



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