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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 later in 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 use public transport during this time, you can get the latest updates on bus, train or tram services by visiting: wmnetwork.co.uk/networkoverview

The busiest times to travel are changing as lockdown eases, so check with operators before you make your journey.

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

Works to remove the existing footpath to make way for new paving have got underway this week, while more progress has been made on the installation of kerb edging.

O Bar to Jurs Inn

This week has seen the installation of ducting from the Brasshouse to Gas Street.

Jurs Inn to Sainsbury's

Works to lay asphalt along the central reservation have been completed ready for concrete to be poured. Also this week, more kerbing, drainage and ducting has been installed.

MODA Living to Cineworld

More progress has been made on the pouring of concrete for the concrete shoulders, which help provide extra structural support of the roadway.

More track installed as works progress

More track has been installed along Broad Street as construction on the project continues at pace.

A total of 60 metres of track has now been installed between the Hyatt Regency hotel and O Bar.

It follows the completion of rail between Moda Living and Cineworld where the largest, continuous concrete pour took place last month, along with the first stretch of track for the route at Five Ways underpass earlier this year.



Preparations made as bars and restaurants reopen

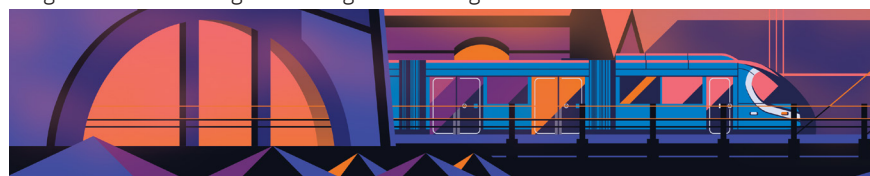
A number of provisions were made along the Broad Street construction site to ensure the safe return of bars and restaurants last weekend.

The construction team worked closely with Birmingham City Council and West Midlands police, fire and ambulance services in the weeks leading up to the reopening to ensure the area was safe and ready for the bars and restaurants to return.

Measures, including the reinstallation of a walkway outside Players Bar to allow visitors to safely access the venues at either side of the street, were implemented, while traffic marshals were placed at all taxi bays in the area to assist drivers.

Regular socially distanced walks along the construction site were also held with Westside BID General Manager Mike Olley and Midland Metro Alliance Director, Peter Cushing, to view the progress made so far.

Peter Cushing said: "We are delighted to see the return of many businesses along Broad Street. Much progress has been made on the project since the lockdown period began, including the successful completion of the largest, continuous concrete pour. We wanted to ensure that every effort was made to allow the bars and restaurants to reopen safely and we are pleased they were able to do so. We will continue to work with the Westside Bid to ensure all the businesses are kept up-to-date on the progress of our works and look forward to the return of many more businesses along Broad Street when government guidance changes."



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