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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.

A short footpath diversion is in place adjacent to Walkabout as paving works get underway. Access to all properties is being maintained at all times.

To ensure the best possible outcome for your journey, you should travel off peak where possible or consider walking or cycling to your destination.

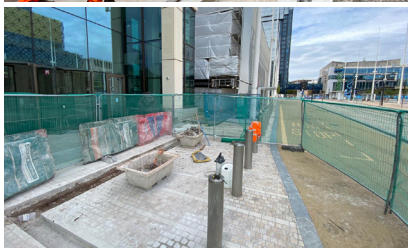
If you do need to use public transport during this time, you can get the latest updates on bus, train or tram services by visiting: wmnetwork.co.uk/networkoverview

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

Metro extension work this week

Centenary Square to Hyatt Regency

Finishing works, including drainage connections and paving installation, have taken place this week.



Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Good progress has continued on the paving works currently taking place outside Walkabout and O Bar with these works now almost complete. Meanwhile, the kerb line has been installed along the edge of the canal bridge and works to install the splitter island, which separates traffic in opposite directions, have got underway.

O Bar to Jurys Inn

This week, the team have continued to move forward with the installation of kerbing and ducting to the edges of the existing track infrastructure.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Works to install drainage and kerbing at the Sheepcote Street junction have been completed this week, while six columns for the overhead line equipment have also been fitted along this section.

MODA Living to Cineworld

Nine columns have been installed for the overhead line equipment, while ducting works have continued at the Ryland Street junction.

Cineworld to Morrisons

Concrete pours for the remaining length of track have been completed, while the area has been prepared for asphalt to be laid in the coming days.

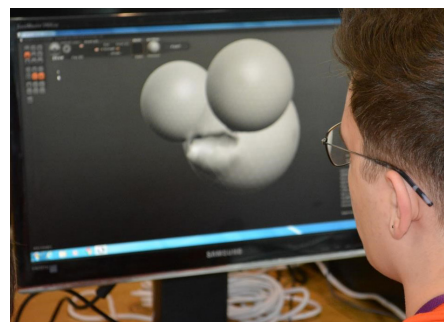
Road changes ahead as works progress

Drivers are being advised that there will be no access to Broad Street from Bishopsgate Street as works take place to install new kerb lines and overhead line equipment.

This will be in place from Tuesday 8 September for approximately four weeks.

Access to frontages will be maintained on Bishopsgate Street and traffic marshals will be on site to assist with deliveries to businesses from 7am to 7pm.

These works may involve elements of noise throughout, and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.



More than 1,000 people benefit from funded training

A scheme set up by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) to fund apprenticeship training for small businesses has supported 1,000 local people – helping the region's economy to recover from Covid-19 by boosting jobs and skills.

More than 1,000 apprentices have now benefited from the Apprenticeship Levy Transfer Fund set up by the WMCA, in which large employers pledge their unspent levy to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the West Midlands.

A total of 1,084 apprentices and 315 SMEs have benefited from the scheme over the past 18 months.

The WMCA is now calling on SMEs who may not have considered hiring apprentices to tap into the fund. Large organisations are also being encouraged to get in touch to discuss transferring their remaining levy.

For more information, visit www.wmca.org.uk/apprenticeship-levy or contact apprenticeships@wmca.org.uk



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