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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 continue. 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 varying as Covid-19 measures change, check with operators before your essential travel.

Metro extension work this week

Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Good progress has been made this week with the installation of 80 metres of rail and sleepers which have been welded to join the track at Centenary Square. (See story below for more details). Meanwhile, paving works have been completed to the front of O Bar and drainage has been installed to the frontage of The Solomon Cutler.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Concrete has been successfully poured for the Brindleyplace tram stop. The construction team also carried out works to widen footpaths, while the crossing point at the Novotel has reopened.



MODA Living to Cineworld

This week, bases for tree pits have been installed and solid hoarding has been replaced with mesh fencing to improve visibility in the area.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

More progress has been made on excavation works for the base of the track, with these works now 50 per cent complete.

Milestone track weld in Centenary Square

A major milestone was achieved on the project as tracks laid last year in Centenary Square were successfully welded to brand-new rail installed in Broad Street.

The activity, which took place on Saturday (19 September), means that more than 950 metres of double track are now installed in various locations between Broad Street and Five Ways with only 120m of track yet to be put in place between Gas and Berkley Street and a short section at the Hagley Road terminus.

Another step towards completion was achieved this week when concrete was poured to encase the track in its final position.

Planning and preliminary activities to achieve the engineering milestone began late last week as the site area was cleared and prepared. The construction team scheduled works to ensure that there was no disruption to West Midlands Metro services in the city.

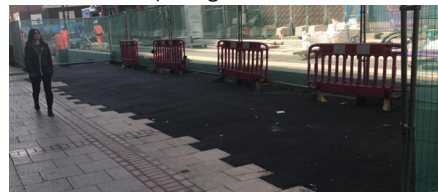
Throughout the remainder of 2020, those in the area will notice construction moving to a new stage as solid hoarding is removed and works begins on the installation of overhead line equipment, tram stop furniture, paving and street scene improvements as the majority of the rail laying wraps up.

Footpaths widened to help social distancing

Paving has been widened in areas along Broad Street to help with social distancing.

Footpaths have been extended outside Players Bar and at the entrance to O' Neills to help improve safety in the area.

These works have been carried out in addition to extra lighting being installed last week to increase visibility at night.



MMA recognised by considerate constructors scheme

The Midland Metro Alliance's worksite along Broad Street has been recognised for excellence by a national scheme.

The project was recently awarded Bronze in the Considerate Constructors Scheme's National Site Awards 2020.

Judges said the scheme demonstrated 'excellence' and they 'praised' efforts to keep the public informed and the consideration given to both the workforce and the environment by adhering to the Scheme's Code of Considerate Practice.



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