

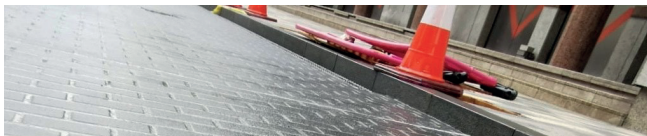
Birmingham Westside Metro Extension

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Construction along Broad Street has continued at pace with significant progress made in areas.

With businesses now starting to reopen following the easing of lockdown restrictions, the construction team has been working to accommodate the needs of bars and restaurants by implementing a number of measures. These include the lifting of traffic restrictions on Gas and Berkley Street, which has allowed vehicles to access Broad Street in one loop, and the creation of a dedicated team to provide delivery support to some businesses.



Works to install the Brindleyplace tram stop will be completed in the weeks to come, while rail and the road surface will also be installed.

► Moda Living to Cineworld

Over the next few months, the road surface in this area and much of the paving works will be completed. Meanwhile, the new tram stop shelters are expected to be installed.

► Cineworld to Morrisons

All the rail and road surfacing will be completed and the safety barriers, which will protect the central pier from any vehicle contact, will be installed in the area.

► Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

The rail together with the switch and crossing, which will allow the tram to move from one track to another, will be installed along with the foundation for an attractive grass track.

Some aspects of construction may create an element of noise. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Can I still gain access to my business?

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

How can I stay updated on the progress of the works?

You can contact our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer, Shervorne Brown on the details below. Alternatively, you can stay up-to-date via our weekly stakeholder newsletter, *Westside Weekly*, which is available to read at

<https://metroalliance.co.uk/>

What works will be carried out over the next few months?

► Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Over the next few months, rail in this section will be installed together with kerb lines and a new road surface. Paving works are also expected to get underway in the coming months, with these works due to be completed by the end of the year.



► O Bar to Jurys Inn

Construction will begin in October with track installation and road surfacing works set to be completed in the coming months. This will be followed by the installation of paving shortly after.

► Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

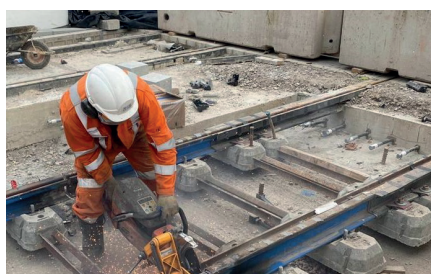


Milestone track weld in Centenary Square

A major milestone has been 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 in 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.

Marta Gasch, Lead Track Engineer for the Midland Metro Alliance, said: "Although trams will not be running on the new route until later next year, it's exciting to see the connection of the track which we had been installing this year to the existing Metro line. A construction project of this size includes a number of people and I wanted to thank my colleagues for all their continued efforts in helping us to reach this milestone in what is quite a challenging environment."



▶ Will construction work be taking place at the end of 2020?

The majority of construction activity is expected to be completed by the end of 2020 with much of the hoarding removed allowing areas to open up again. The team will still be present throughout 2021 with street scene improvement works, the installation of overhead line equipment and essential testing and commissioning.

Measures implemented to improve safety

A number of improvements have been implemented to help increase safety for visitors along Broad Street as construction ramps up.

Paving has been widened outside Players Bar and at the entrance to O' Neills to help with social distancing as businesses reopen.

Meanwhile, crossing points have also been installed at Novotel, Pit Stop and Zara's to allow pedestrians to easily access the many bars and restaurants along the 'Golden Mile'.

This is in addition to the extra lighting that was erected by the construction team to improve visibility and safety for visitors. The lighting towers and perimeter lights help improve the shadow effect during the day while also improving the reach of the lighting towers at night.



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