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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

Paving works for the taxi bay have been completed and concrete has been poured following the laying of track in this area last week (See story below for more details). Meanwhile, good progress has been made on paving works to the front of Reflex and Brasshouse.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Solid hoarding panels have been replaced with mesh fencing, while ducting and drainage works for the tram stops have also taken place.

MODA Living to Cineworld

The footpath at the frontage of Zara's has been stripped ready for new paving to be installed. Progress has also been made on the installation of tree pits.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

Excavation works for the base of the track have continued to move forward. Meanwhile, works to install the foundations that will support the overhead line equipment are now underway, ahead of schedule.



Successful concrete pour

Concrete has been successfully poured along the newly laid track between Hyatt Regency and O Bar.

A total area of 100m³ of concrete has been laid along this section of Broad Street as works to install the foundation for the new tram track to Edgbaston took another significant step forward.

The new rail was recently welded to track laid last year in Centenary Square with the latest concrete pour encasing the track in its final position.

Works to install the track along Broad Street are now nearing completion with just 120m of rail between Gas Street and Berkley Street and a section at the Hagley Road terminus to be put in place.

Key factory test completed for track

Key tests have been carried out on a section of rail that will allow the tram to move from one track to another at the Hagley Road terminus.

The final factory acceptance assessment has taken place on the switch and crossing bringing it one step closer to being installed.



Members of the track team visited the factory where the rail is being produced to ensure the structure conformed to track design specifications. An initial factory test was successfully completed earlier this year allowing the second stage of manufacturing to be completed.

The test helps to identify any issues and correct them prior to shipment so that it is ready for installation when it arrives on site.

The successful inspection means that the track is now ready to be delivered to site where it will be installed in the coming weeks.



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