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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 to paving works outside The Solomon Cutler since they began last week. Meanwhile, excavation works have taken place to allow kerbing to be installed outside Brasshouse.

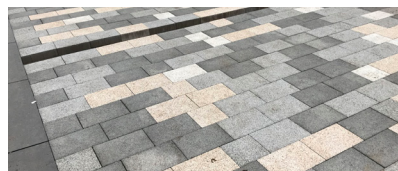


Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

This week, ducting works for the Brindleyplace tram stop have been completed and the ground levels have been lifted to prepare for the final foundations. Concrete has been poured in Granville Street ahead of road surfacing works beginning in the coming weeks.

MODA Living to Five Ways Underpass

Paving works at the frontage of Zara's have continued to move forward, while more progress has been made on the installation of tree pits.



Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

Excavation works for the installation of the switch and crossing, which will guide trams from one track to another, are now well underway and the track is set to be delivered and installed next week (see story below for more details). Meanwhile, steel fixing works have taken place for the retaining wall.

Crane to install key section of track

Construction on the project will move closer to completion next week when a key section of rail that will allow trams to move from one track to another is installed.

The first stage of work to install this section of track, called a switch and crossing, is set to get underway on Monday following a successful inspection of the rail at the factory where it was manufactured.

The S&C will be delivered in panels to site next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday where they will be lifted and positioned into place using a 100-ton terrain crane. First stage concrete has already been poured between Morrisons and 54 Hagley Road, ahead of the installation.

Further work will be carried out on the track in the coming weeks, including welding and levelling.

Closure of pedestrian crossing

The pedestrian crossing adjacent to Morrisons will be closed for up to two weeks as construction on the project develops.

The closure will be in place from Tuesday 20 October until Tuesday 3 November to allow for the installation of the switch and crossing.

During this time, those wishing to access Hagley Road on foot can do so via the pedestrian section of the Five Ways underpass.

New package of support for young people

Young people, whose job prospects have been the hit hard by the Covid 19 pandemic, are to be guaranteed training and career opportunities under a new youth employment offer.



The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and their partners have developed a new offer of employment and skills support for everyone aged 16-29 who lives in the region and is unemployed, at risk of losing their job, or leaving school, college or university.

The package includes access to vocational training, more work coaches, funded work placements, access to apprenticeships and more support to become self-employed.

The offer to young people is a crucial part of the WMCA's plan to drive the region's economic recovery from the pandemic by equipping local people with the skills they need to land jobs in growing industries.



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