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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.

From Monday 2 November, a short and clearly signed pedestrian diversion will be in place on Broad Street for those heading towards Five Ways from Centenary Square/Bridge Street. Access to all properties is being maintained at all times.

The pedestrian crossing adjacent to Morrisons is currently closed to allow for construction. A short diversion is in place via the pedestrian section of the Five Ways underpass.

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

This week, kerbing has been installed to the front of Brasshouse and the footpath at the corner of O Bar has been removed ready for new paving to be installed. Paving works have also continued in the vicinity of the ICC.

Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

Ducting and drainage for the Brindleyplace tram stop have been completed and preparations have been made for paving to be installed in the coming days. Rail installation has also been completed in this section and stage two concrete has been poured.

MODA Living to Five Ways Underpass

Tree pit installations have been completed this week, while more progress has been made to paving works around the trees and to the front of Zara's.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

The team has installed ducting and drainage to the front of Morrisons.



MMA recognised as considerate constructors

The Midland Metro Alliance has been recognised for its efforts in helping to improve the image of construction for the third year running.

The Metro extension to Edgbaston received a Certificate of Excellence from the Considerate Constructors scheme, which recognises the highest levels of consideration and care shown by constructors.

The project was praised for its appearance, respect for the environment, securing everyone's safety and valuing the workforce and last month it was also noted as one of the best construction sites in the UK at a national ceremony.

Notice of forthcoming works



Where: Gas Street and Berkley Street (at their junction with Broad Street)

What: Changes to access to Brindleyplace Service Area, Bay C (for ICC, Symphony Hall, Regency Wharf and Oozells Street)

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Traffic changes to support construction

Traffic changes will be implemented next week to facilitate construction works between Gas Street and Berkley Street.

Diversions will be in place from Monday (2 November) for vehicles accessing the Brindleyplace service area, Bay C (for ICC and Symphony Hall), Regency Wharf and Oozells Square.

In addition, those living, working or visiting Berkley Street should be aware that it will open to two-way traffic between 2 November and 18 December.

These traffic changes will be implemented in two phases and are expected to be removed later this year.

• Phase One: Monday 2 November - Friday 27 November 2020

During this time, access to the Brindleyplace service area, Bay C (for ICC and Symphony Hall) and Regency Wharf will be via Bridge Street, with an exit via Gas Street. Vehicles will still be able to access Oozells Street via Berkley Street.

• Phase Two: Monday 30 November - Friday 18 December 2020

Access to the Brindleyplace service area and Oozells Street will be via Berkley Street. Egress will also be via Berkley Street.

Access to frontages will be maintained at all times and traffic marshals will be on hand to assist with deliveries.

The Midland Metro Alliance has written to 500 residents and businesses to notify them of the traffic changes.

Should you have any questions, please contact a member of the team on the details below.



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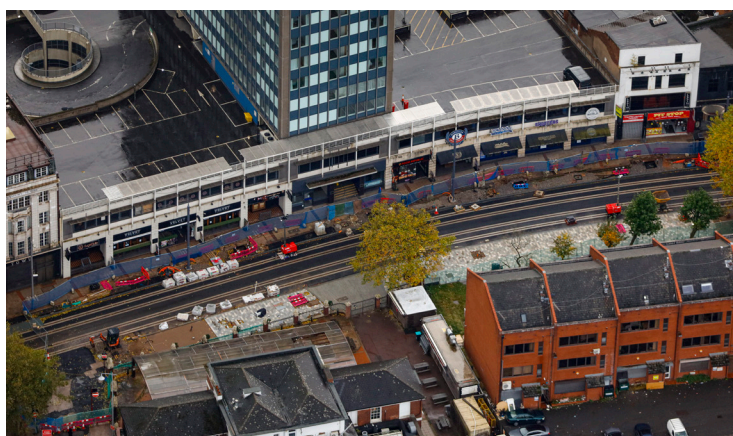
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Progress so far - in pictures

We have put together a selection of images showing some of the progress that has been made across Broad Street throughout October including a new road surface, paving and track installation.



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