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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.

Access to the Brindleyplace service area will be via Gas Street, while access to Bay C (for ICC and Symphony Hall) and Regency Wharf will be via Bridge Street, with an exit via Gas Street, until Sunday 22 November.

A pedestrian diversion is 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.

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

Considerable progress has been made on paving this week with these works now completed outside of Reflex, the ICC, O Bar, Walkabout and Gentleman & Scholar. Meanwhile bases for the lighting columns have also been erected.

O Bar to Juries Inn

Excavation works, which got underway last week, have been completed and ducting and drainage has been installed.

Juries Inn to Sainsbury's

This week, a total of ten columns for the overhead line equipment have been installed. Paving has also been stripped outside of Coast to Coast and Free Radio ready for the new footpath to be laid.

MODA Living to Five Ways Underpass

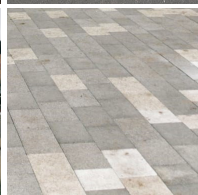
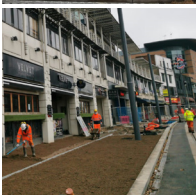
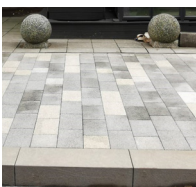
A new pedestrian pathway has been installed, while paving works are now underway outside Velvet Music Rooms and Bierkeller. Meanwhile, similar paving works have been completed outside of Zara's.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

The road has been reinstated to the front of 54 Hagley Road, while ducting has been connected between Morrisons and Barclays.

Team makes progress on paving

In last week's issue of Westside Weekly, we mentioned that paving works along Broad Street had been brought forward to make use of the reduced footfall during the national lockdown. Here are a selection of images showing the significant headway the construction team has made over the past few days, with paving works now underway outside Velvet Music Rooms and Bierkeller.



Careers help and guidance moves online

Local people are being urged to join an online careers fair to find out more about gaining new jobs in health and social care.

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) is holding the 'Your Career' event as part of its plans to drive the region's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event, on Thursday 26 November, will consist of two webinars – one for health care and one for social care – featuring local employers who are recruiting now, together with experts advising on the benefits, rewards and career development offered in the sector.

The 'Your Career – Social Care' webinar runs from 10-11am. To book your place, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2170452856474597390>

The 'Your Career – Health Care' webinar runs from 11.30am-12.30pm on the same day. To book your place, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4096378314407981840>

Meanwhile, the Midland Metro Alliance's Engagement and Skills Advisor Julie Thompson and Assistant Project Manager Zahra Choudhary gave an insight into the many and varied career opportunities within the construction industry during the Black Country Skills Factory's World of Work Week.

Help us support your reopening

Businesses planning to reopen after the lockdown restrictions end are being asked to get in touch with our dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer Shervorne Brown by emailing shervorne.brown@metroalliance.co.uk. This is so that we can ensure our schedule supports re-opening plans.

Stop press!

The Midland Metro Alliance is celebrating after winning the Education and Inspiration Award for its Trailblazer Apprenticeship in Light Rail at this year's ICE Awards, which was held virtually yesterday evening.

The team were also shortlisted for the Communications Award for their collaborative campaign with TfWM and Birmingham City Council to raise awareness of the closure of Five Ways Underpass.

More details will follow in next week's issue.



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