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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 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

The team have continued to make significant progress on paving, with these works now completed between the former Rub Smokehouse restaurant and the Hyatt hotel. Also this week, asphalt has been laid across the canal bridge (see story below for more details) and bases for lighting columns have been installed.

O Bar to Juries Inn

This week, more ducting work has taken place. Excavation works have also been carried out to allow the team to install the bases for the overhead line equipment.

Juries Inn to Sainsbury's

Paving has been laid outside Coast to Coast following the removal of the old footpath last week, while ducting has also been installed.

MODA Living to Five Ways underpass

Good progress has been made on paving works outside of Bierkeller, Hampton by Hilton and Velvet Music Rooms, while stone has been installed for the tree pit surrounds. Kerbing has also been laid to the front of Novotel.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

Excavation works have taken place for the retaining walls and ducting has also been installed.

New road surface takes shape

The area across the Broad Street Canal Bridge has started to take shape in recent days following the installation of decorative asphalt.

The construction team has been able to increase activity while footfall is reduced during the national lockdown.

The road surface across the canal bridge was prepared with a compressed hot air lance before the imprinted asphalt was laid earlier this week.

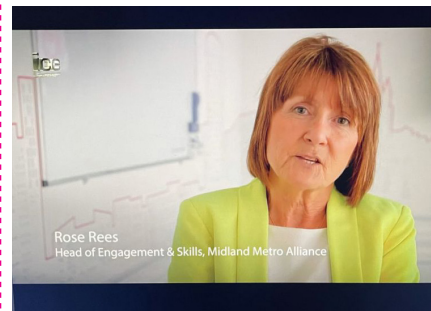
Imprinting the road surface has allowed regular asphalt to be transformed into authentic looking paving.



Midland Metro Alliance wins prestigious accolade for construction apprenticeship

The Midland Metro Alliance is celebrating after winning an accolade at the prestigious Institution of Civil Engineers West Midlands Awards for the third year in a row.

The alliance scooped the Education and Inspiration Award, for its Trailblazer Apprenticeship in Light Rail, during a virtual ceremony on Thursday 19 November. It follows a similar success in the Communications Award category at last year's event, and a 2018 win for a programme designed to help unemployed people gain new skills and experience in the construction sector.



Led by the Midland Metro Alliance, which is extending the West Midlands Metro across the region on behalf of Transport for West Midlands, employers from the UK's Light Rail industry designed the level two apprenticeship for individuals who want to develop a career in the tramway construction environment.

Rose Rees, Head of Engagement and Skills, said: "We are delighted to have won such a prestigious award for our work in securing talent for the future. The apprenticeship programme is the first of its kind and is a valuable recruitment tool. This win is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication of our teams in making this apprenticeship a success and it is fantastic that the first cohort of people studying for this apprenticeship demonstrated its importance to the judges."

The Midland Metro Alliance was also shortlisted in the Communications Award for its collaborative campaign with Transport for West Midlands and Birmingham City Council to raise awareness of the closure of Five Ways Underpass as part of the construction of the Birmingham Westside Metro extension.



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