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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

Paving works have continued to move forward outside the Hyatt hotel this week, with these works now 90 per cent complete. Meanwhile, handrails have been fitted outside the ICC and ducting has been installed for the traffic signals.

O Bar to Jurys Inn

Rail and sleepers have been installed and 85 cubic metres of concrete has been poured to the newly laid track.



Jurys Inn to Sainsbury's

This week, ducting has been installed and paving works have progressed outside Coast to Coast.

MODA Living to Five Ways underpass

Electrical housing boxes have been installed and excavation works have taken place for the main power connections. Meanwhile, paving has continued to move forward outside of the Bierkeller, TGWU, Revolution, Hampton by Hilton and Varanasi.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

This week, concrete has been poured for the retaining wall and ducting installation has continued to the front of Barclays bank.

Bird's eye view of progress

We have released our latest aerial shots showing how the project has moved forward in recent weeks.

These photos highlight the significant progress that has been made with new paving now installed along much of Broad Street and a new road surface laid following the completion of track along the majority of the route.



Council leader sees progress first-hand

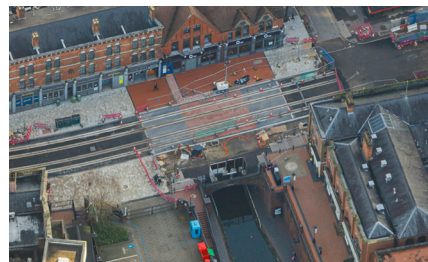


Leader of Birmingham City Council Councillor Ian Ward got to see first-hand the progress being made on the project during a tour of the site.

Midland Metro Alliance Director Peter Cushing accompanied Cllr Ward on his visit where he learned more about the works currently underway along Broad Street.

They walked from Centenary Square to what will be the terminus at 54 Hagley Road taking in some of the significant progress that has been made over the past few months, including the installation of new paving, road surface and much of the track.

Cllr Ward said: "It was great to see the work currently underway along Broad Street. So much progress has been made on the project and you can already see how this extension will help to transform the area and the wider region. Well done to the team who have continued to work throughout much of the pandemic to ensure the project remains on schedule. This project is a key part of Birmingham's response to the challenge of climate change and I look forward to seeing the first trams travelling to Hagley Road later next year."



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