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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 2021. 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.

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. Please check with public transport operators before any essential travel.

Metro extension work this week

Hyatt Regency to O Bar

Most of the construction work in this section has now been completed and the team are currently working to finalise the installation of the lighting columns. Some final paving works, including re-sanding and snagging, will also need to take place over the coming days following the recent bad weather.

O Bar to Jurys Inn

All of the track has been installed and works are currently underway to complete the ducting connection, kerbing, bus lay-by and bases for the lighting columns.

Jurys Inn to Sainsburys

Both inbound and outbound tram shelters have been installed and all of the tree pits have been completed. Meanwhile, paving works on the Brindleyplace side of Broad Street have been completed, with just the section around the tram stop left to finish. These works will start on the opposite side of the street in the coming days.

MODA Living to Five Ways Underpass

Large parts of this section have now been opened to pedestrians following the completion of paving works on the section of Broad Street leading to Five Guys. Paving works on the opposite side of the street are 50 per cent completed.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

This week, excavation works for the base of the track have continued.



Traffic update as works progress

Works to install kerbing and a new bus lay-by are set to commence between Gas Street and Berkley Street on Wednesday 13 January.

During this time vehicles wishing to access Brindleyplace service area Bay C (for ICC and Symphony Hall) and Regency Wharf can continue to do so via Bridge Street and exit via Gas Street. Access and egress for Oozells Street will be maintained via Berkley Street.

Access to frontages will be maintained at all times, and a traffic marshal will be on site to assist delivery drivers as needed.

Broad Street takes shape after new road surface is laid

Visitors to Broad Street will notice that the area has changed considerably in recent weeks following the completion of track and a new road surface.



The track now runs continuously from Centenary Square to Five Ways island after the final section of rail along Broad Street was laid last month.

Asphalt has also been laid along the "golden mile" allowing visitors to see how the area will look when trams are in operation later this year.

Paul Brown, Construction Director, said: "The laying of the new road surface now gives continuous track and access from the Hyatt hotel to the Five Ways island. This is a credit to everyone who has been involved with the Birmingham Westside Metro extension. Considering the challenges we've had this year the MMA team have continued to deliver and I am proud of what they have achieved."

The team continues to work during lockdown adhering to strict industry and Covid-secure guidance and main construction on the project is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. After this point the team will continue to be present in the area carrying out street scene improvements and installation of overhead line equipment in the months ahead.



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