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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.

Works to install kerbing and a new bus lay-by are currently underway between Gas Street and Berkley Street. 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.

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

O Bar to Jurys Inn

This week, excavation works have been completed for the tree pits while kerbing has also been laid in this section.

Jurys Inn to Sainsburys

More progress has been made on the installation of paving and drainage works have also continued.

MODA Living to Five Ways Underpass

The team have continued to move forward with paving along this section and have also completed the drainage connections for Cineworld. Meanwhile, the remaining columns for the overhead line equipment have been installed.

Morrisons to 54 Hagley Road

The area outside of 54 Hagley Road has been prepared for new kerbs, paving and the road surface to be installed in the coming days.

Test boost for Metro's Covid response

Midland Metro Limited (MML), the operator of West Midlands Metro, is helping to make the tram even safer during the ongoing pandemic.

The tram operator has gone further to protect its customers and employees by offering rapid testing for all frontline staff.

Anthony Stanley, MML's Head of Quality, Health and Safety, and the Environment, explained: "Employees such as drivers and conductors are considered key workers, and, thanks to their efforts, we've been able to maintain an essential service for those who still need to travel during the pandemic. Now that lateral flow testing has become more widely available, we've struck an agreement with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council which is offering members of the Metro team priority access to test appointments at West Bromwich Town Hall."

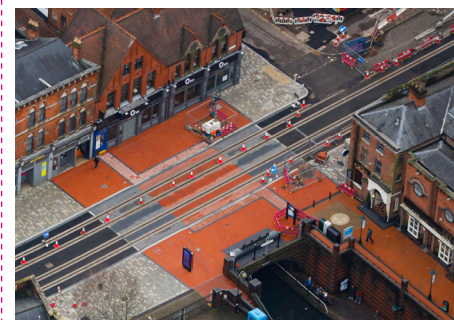


New bird's eye view images released

More bird's eye view images have been released showing the construction progress along Broad Street.



These latest aerial shots show how much the area has changed in recent weeks as progress on the project continues to move forward.



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