



What are you working on?

Transport for West Midlands is striving to deliver a world-class integrated transport system which is clean, safe and affordable. One which puts people at the heart of decisions and gives everyone in the West Midlands access to the very best education, training and employment opportunities, no matter where they live in the region.

Over £3.4bn is committed to deliver an integrated transport system which will help realise this vision and meet the needs of a rapidly growing population, while enabling economic growth.

As part of the efforts to build more capacity on our public transport system the West Midlands Metro will be extended to Digbeth by 2025 as part of the Birmingham Eastside Metro extension. Work on this much anticipated extension commenced earlier in 2020 with utility diversions and upgrades in both Lower Bull Street and Digbeth High Street and the next phase, which will see a track laid along Lower Bull Street and its junction with Corporation Street in the city centre, is set to get underway later **from Sunday 6 June**.

Although we and our partners aim to minimise disruption wherever possible for public transport users, road users, businesses and residents, the works do require traffic changes to be implemented.

Why has this got to be done?

These essential works are in order to construct a new Metro line from Bull Street to Digbeth. As the next phase of construction commences, Lower Bull Street will be closed in both directions to all vehicles **from Sunday 6 June 2021** until spring 2022 when construction in this area is set to be completed.

Where will the Metro be running to and from?

Four new tram stops will connect passengers between Bull Street to High Street Deritend in the creative quarter. The route, which will call at Curzon Street Station, has also been devised to make the most of the HS2, allowing easy connection to the high-speed rail network via West Midlands Metro services.

How long are the works going to last?

We anticipate that works in this area of the city will be ongoing until spring 2022.

When will the Birmingham Eastside route open to passengers? Due to the complexity of the parallel work at the HS2 Curzon Street Station, discussions are currently underway to determine a suitable opening date for the Metro extension that would benefit all parties. Transport for West Midlands will continue to work with HS2 and partners to complete the line as soon as possible.

Will the bus services be affected?

Buses will travel to and from the city using diverted routes although journey times may vary to what you are used to. Services will still pick-up and drop-off in the eastside of the city centre.

What about the Metro? Will it also be disrupted?

Later in summer 2021, West Midlands Metro services will terminate at Bull Street tram stop in the city centre for a short period of time to allow new tracks to be connected to existing ones. West Midlands Metro will be sharing further information with its customers when dates for construction are finalised.

How will the works affect pedestrians and cyclists?

Pedestrian access along Lower Bull Street will be maintained at all times. Cyclists should dismount at Lower Bull Street and walk with their cycles through the pedestrianised area.

I am an essential worker and currently travel to work along the route where construction will be taking place, how will this affect my journey?

All roads which will be affected by our construction will have clearly signed diversions to help you get to your destination. We suggest you allow extra time to complete your journey. If you use bus services, please be aware that these will use diverted routes during construction.

Some of the city's bus stops are already heavily used throughout the day.

How will deliveries reach my business?

For assistance with deliveries traffic marshals will be in place 24/7 at strategic locations.

However, we recommend you contact Amy Walker, Midland Metro Alliance Stakeholder Liaison Officer, at communications@metroalliance.co.uk in the first instance, who will be happy to assist further.

Are Lower Bull Street and Corporation Street open for business?

Yes. All businesses will be accessible and able to operate as usual during the works, dependant on Covid-19 restrictions in place.

As a visitor to Birmingham, how will I get to the city centre?

If you are driving, please follow the clearly signed diversion routes. Once out of your vehicle, refer to the wayfinding totems in key locations around the city centre to help you get to your destination.

For those visiting the city centre using public transport, there are clearly signed wayfinding totems located around the city centre, including at Moor Street Queensway and other key locations to help you make the most of the area.

Can I still access Lower Bull Street and Corporation Street on foot?

Pedestrian access during construction will be maintained. To assist you there are clearly signed wayfinding totems in many places across the city centre.

Where can I find more information about other works going on around the city?

For more information about additional construction projects taking place across Birmingham that could also affect your journey, visit: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/roadworks> and for more details on public transport in the West Midlands visit: <https://www.wmnetwork.co.uk>.

How can I be kept updated about the works?

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Midland Metro Alliance by emailing communications@metroalliance.co.uk or by telephoning **0121 643 8729** (monitored during office hours).

Additional information about the Birmingham Eastside Metro extension can be found by visiting www.metroalliance.co.uk or by following us on the social media channels listed below.



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