

Sharing the road with construction projects

Urban construction for extensions to the West Midlands Metro will mean, from time-to-time, changes to pedestrian and traffic flows and even familiar routes can be different from how you have used them in the past as rails are installed into the road surface.

To enable regular and new visitors to area to become accustomed to the development of the Metro, we ask you to take the time to review the pedestrian, cyclists and motorists recommendations provided below.

Pedestrians

What should I be aware of? When travelling around construction sites and the Metro network ensure you are aware of signage, appropriate pedestrian crossing points and the movement of vehicles, including trams and buses, which may be running diverted routes.

Where do I cross the road? Pedestrian crossing points have been installed for your use. Observe signage, traffic signals, tactile paving and look both ways for vehicles navigating in both directions. Stay alert whilst crossing the road, even at a designated crossing point, and stay off mobile devices. You are able to visit www.metroalliance.co.uk where pedestrian diversion routes are provided, if in operation.

What about walking near to trams? As with general road safety it is important you allow a safe distance between moving trams. Metro platforms provide a safe standing area for passengers waiting to board. West Midlands Metro drivers will always sound their horns before leaving a Metro stop to make people aware and travel at a low speed in pedestrian areas.

What about crossing Metro tracks? Where possible, you should cross at designated crossing points. Please be extra careful as tracks can be slippery, particularly during wet and icy weather.

Cyclists

What should I be aware of? Whether you are an experienced cyclist or new always stay clear of the tram track. As with general pedestrian safety be aware that tracks can be slippery particularly during wet and icy weather.

Are there dedicated cycle lanes? You are able to visit www.metroalliance.co.uk where cycle diversion routes are provided, if in operation. In areas where a cycle lane is not available you should continue to comply with the Highway Code and should dismount at level crossings where a "cyclists dismount" sign is displayed.

What if I need to cross a track? If it is necessary to cross the tracks, you should take extra care. Always cross rails at a shallow angle, on bends and at junctions, to avoid tires from becoming stuck in the rail grooves.

Do you have any other advice? Always make other road users aware of your intentions, through appropriate hand signals, in order to comply with the Highway Code.

Motorists

What should I be aware of? As a driver, you must obey all signs and traffic signals around our construction sites and the Metro network. At times our workers will be working in closed sections of the road and you should take extra care.

Will there be changes? Construction of the Metro extensions might mean that traffic is diverted on different routes or traffic flow could be reversed or changed in certain areas. You can find more information about diversions in place by visiting www.metroalliance.co.uk.

What are the rules for tram and motorists using shared roads? It is an offence to park on the Metro tracks or obstruct trams. Areas for tram navigation only are clearly marked and you are not permitted to enter these sections.

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