



# Metro extensions

## Progress update

Thursday 11 October 2018

- The Birmingham Westside Metro extension is the next phase of works following the West Midlands Metro extension from St Chads to Grand Central which opened for passenger service in May 2016
- When completed in 2021, the route will operate between Grand Central to Hagley Road in Edgbaston
- Construction of the 2km route began in summer 2017 and is being delivered in two phases
- The first phase to Centenary Square will operate catenary free (on battery power) – a first in the UK, anticipated to open for passenger service in late 2019



# Paradise Circus works



## Section 1:

- Stephenson Street (rail tie-in works to join existing line 1)
- Pinfold Street (utility diversions; basement reinforced and shop fronts safeguarded; drainage; concrete pouring)
- Victoria Square (utility diversions; Iron:Man temporary removal; step redesign; foundations for tram stop; track slab concrete pour)
- Paradise Street (utility diversions; retaining wall redesigned and replaced; Easy Row subway demolition);

## Section 2:

- Paradise Circus (removal of road surface; utility diversions)

## Section 3

- Centenary Square (utility diversions; kerbing for new carriageway south section; temporary footpaths for HSBC and International Conference Centre)



# Isolating OLE on Stephenson Street



# Works on Paradise Street



- Broad Street utility diversions continuing
- Canal Bridge towpath and Basin closure (January 2019)
- Five Ways underpass closure (spring 2019)
- Completion of Complementary Highways Measures (Sheepcote Street, George Road and Bath Row)
- Iron:Man reinstatement (2019)

# Complimentary works

- Lower Temple Street (paving, bollards and CCTV fixings)
- Hill Street, Navigation Street (below left) and Brunel Street (Birmingham City Centre Extension finishing works)
- Temporary footways north and south of Centenary Square (below right) for HSBC and the International Conference Centre (to be maintained to facilitate the anticipated increase in pedestrian traffic for the Marathon)





# Hoarding refresh

- Hoardings have been refreshed in all sections of work across Birmingham City Centre
- This includes improved wayfinding for visitors



- A decision on the Transport and Works Act Order application to extend the West Midlands Metro line to Digbeth and serve the planned High Speed 2 (HS2) station at Curzon Street is expected by end of this year
- This 1.7km route will separate from the existing West Midlands Metro line at Bull Street and run to a new Terminus at High Street Deritend
- Four additional Metro stops
- The extension will serve the Eastside regeneration area offering connections with New Street, Moor Street and Snow Hill Stations, in addition to the new HS2 station
- The scheme also includes a new bus interchange adjacent to Clayton Hotel Birmingham to replace bus stops that will need to be removed due to West Midlands Metro alignment and to provide an efficient bus, Sprint and coach interchange with HS2
- To date, preliminary design, surveys and some utility works have been carried out



- Extending the Birmingham Eastside Metro extension further eastwards by 17.5km
- 26 Metro stops
- Connecting key destinations between Birmingham and UK Central Hub, including Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham International, the NEC and HS2 Interchange via the Bordesley Green and Chemsley Wood corridor
- Help support the regeneration of the area with improved connectivity and accessibility, supporting economic development and access to job opportunities at sites such as Birmingham Airport and Birmingham Business Park
- A Transport and Works Act Order application is anticipated to be submitted in summer 2019, with consultation with stakeholders taking place from February next year
- The route is anticipated to open for passenger service in 2026



- Dedicated Stakeholder Liaison Officer on route supported by Engagement team
- Successful communications campaign for Paradise Circus and Centenary Square closures (in partnership with Birmingham City Council and TfWM)
- Ongoing social media campaigns (paid and organic) to advertise area open as usual
- Community involvement and outreach (Regents Park Community School hoarding competition; donation of historical artefacts found in Victoria Square to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery; Charity events including: Suited for Success; Haven; BirminghamLive's Big Drop campaign)
- New videos to promote route and area
- Westside Weekly newsletter (launched June 2018)
- A number of consultation events held in area
- More than 90% positive or neutral tonality of media coverage over last calendar year
- Reach of nearly 160 million over last calendar year (half of which was due to historic road in Victoria Square)
- More information: [www.metroalliance.co.uk](http://www.metroalliance.co.uk)





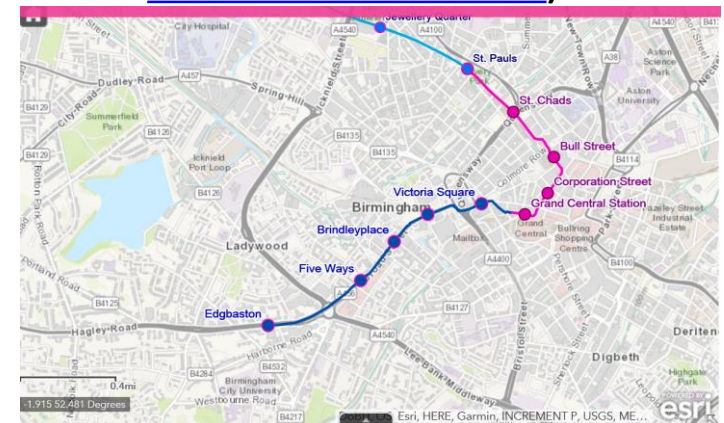
**Grand Central to Centenary Square simulator footage**  
([https://drive.google.com/open?id=16APoV2GS4OnHmzqnzgyBnfV8Q\\_n26i1G](https://drive.google.com/open?id=16APoV2GS4OnHmzqnzgyBnfV8Q_n26i1G))



**Birmingham Westside Extension Video**  
(<https://vimeo.com/281236770>)



**Westside Weekly newsletter (available at [www.metroalliance.co.uk](http://www.metroalliance.co.uk))**



**GIS Maps on website project pages**

- Paradise Circus Closure Timelapse video:  
<https://vimeo.com/288150017/27aeb4ce14>
- Birmingham Westside Extension video: <https://vimeo.com/281236770>
- GIS Map of Birmingham Westside Extension:  
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