

13 May 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Broad Street and Brindleyplace are better connected this summer**

As you may have seen over the past month, public transport testing has commenced across Broad Street, Five Ways and Hagley Road as part of the commissioning process for the Birmingham Westside Metro extension to Edgbaston Village.

Buses and trams currently running on Broad Street are carrying out important tests and we are excited to welcome bus services back to Broad Street from June and look forward to welcoming the tram later in the summer.

Recent weeks have seen new bus shelters installed across Broad Street and Centenary Square and, in June 2022, the majority of local bus routes which were diverted from the area in May 2019 will return to calling along Broad Street. We recommend that all passengers check with operators regarding their particular bus service.

Testing and commissioning work and driver training on the Westside tram extension will continue through June and a start date for passenger services will be determined in due course. For updates on this, and on the current Metro service suspension, please visit [www.westmidlandsmetro.com](http://www.westmidlandsmetro.com).

The Westside of Birmingham is already well-connected with fast, frequent and convenient public transport with:

- regular West Midlands Rail services at Five Ways station;
- affordable cycle hire via West Midlands Cycle hubs;
- convenient walking routes to and from the city centre.

We understand you, like us, will be excited for the phased enhancements to public transport which will be coming online from June and you may wish to advise your colleagues, students, parents/guardians of our updated information and our dedicated Westside page at our website at [www.tfwm.org.uk/westside-birmingham-city-centre/](http://www.tfwm.org.uk/westside-birmingham-city-centre/).

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In addition, to ensure students can travel around the region easily while infrastructure changes take place, free journey planning resources are available at [www.tfwm.org.uk/resources-and-support/resources-and-support-for-education-providers/](http://www.tfwm.org.uk/resources-and-support/resources-and-support-for-education-providers/) and we are happy to support staff and students travelling on the network with travel advice sessions. You can contact us by email at [education@tfwm.org.uk](mailto:education@tfwm.org.uk).

Higher education establishments can also get free support from Birmingham City Council to develop and deliver a travel plan using Modeshift STARS [www.birmingham.gov.uk/btn](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/btn).

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [www.tfwm.org.uk/get-help/contact-us](http://www.tfwm.org.uk/get-help/contact-us) or by calling our offices on 0345 303 6760.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Corbin  
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