



Midland
Metro Alliance



Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension



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Transforming transport in the region...

For any major, forward-thinking region, a **CLEAN, FAST, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT** public transport system is crucial.

That's why Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) is delivering a world-class integrated transport system, providing access to the best education, training and employment opportunities, no matter where you live in the region.

It is no accident that many of the world's most progressive locations have placed light rail systems right at the heart of their public transport solutions and the West Midlands is no different.

Here, the current Metro system is being transformed into **an expanded network** to provide better connectivity across the region, tackling congestion and **helping to drive economic growth**.

The Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro extension forms part of TfWM's ambitious plan to **regenerate public transport in the region**. The highly-anticipated project will be delivered in **two phases**:

- The first will see trams travel **6.5km through Sandwell to Dudley town centre**, serving a new terminus at Flood Street, with convenient interchanges with local bus and rail services along the new route.
- In the second phase, the tramway will extend a further **4.4km to Brierley Hill**. Construction will begin as soon as funding is secured.

The story so far...

Since works got underway in 2019 a considerable amount of activity has taken place in the Sandwell and Dudley areas, including essential utility upgrades and diversions, the removal of existing aged bridges to make way for the installation of new purpose-built structures, not to mention a significant amount of track that has been laid along Castle Hill.

Over the coming months, those living, working or visiting the area will see work on the extension further progress with the final section of track installed along Castle Hill, the completion of works to install a new highway on Flood Street and all new bridges installed.

You can get the latest information via our social channels and **Connecting Sandwell & Dudley** newsletter.





Key facts...

- When complete, the first phase of the **Wednesbury to Brierley Hill** extension will:
- Create up to **nine further tram stops**, bringing the network total to **over 40 tram stops**
- Add a **further 6.5km of track** through Sandwell and Dudley town centre
- Link Dudley directly with the Metro line serving **Birmingham and Wolverhampton**
- Provide **fast and frequent services** in each direction
- The journey between **Dudley and Birmingham** is estimated at **40 minutes**, with **Wolverhampton to Dudley** around **30 minutes**
- The MMA is **committed to leaving a legacy** in our region and there are currently **six local apprentices** working on the scheme, gaining valuable skills as Track Construction Operatives

What you'll see next...

The first phase of the expanded network is **expected to be in operation in 2024** with a fast-and frequent tram service to a new terminus in the heart of Dudley town centre.

Before then, the team will continue with the **COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME**, which will be focused on:

- **Core construction works** - these include building the track, new structures, highway and footway works, construction of tram stops, installation of support poles and overhead power supply wires and tree planting/landscaping
- **Testing and commissioning** - this includes comprehensive testing of the newly installed infrastructure and the training of new operating staff before the extended system opens to passengers.

You can learn more about how a Metro extension is built by watching our short video at: <https://vimeo.com/282978259>



Our commitment to you...

This is **your community** and whilst it is inevitable there will be periods of inconvenience during construction, **we are committed** to keeping you informed.

We do everything we can to **minimise disruption** during construction and you may have already received some of our information designed to **keep you up-to-date**.

Our hotline inquiry line and website address are shown on the reverse of this leaflet but these will be supplemented by our dedicated **Stakeholder Liaison Officers or team**, static information points and periodic drop-in and information sessions. You can also stay up-to-date by visiting our dedicated project webpage at: <https://tinyurl.com/wbhe1>

We follow a **Code of Construction Practice** which sets out standards on a range of

- Minimising impacts on the existing highway, including access, parking, footways and cycleways
- Control of noise and vibration
- Working practices at construction sites
- Control of dust and pollution
- Protection of the existing ecology, archaeology and historic buildings
- Control of working hours, with the normal working hours being 7.00am - 7.00pm Monday to Friday and 7.00am - 1.00pm Saturday. If we need to work outside of these hours, for any reason, we will advise you in advance



Further Information...

More details about the extension and our community engagement activity can be found on our website at www.metroalliance.co.uk or by following us on the **social media channels** listed below.

We will be **continually updating the website** over the coming months with details of planned information sessions, communications materials and construction updates.

If you would like us to provide this information in an alternative format, please contact the Midland Metro Alliance using the details below.



How can I get further information about transport in the West Midlands?

For further information or for any queries please visit:
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or email:
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