

Welcome to the latest Birmingham Connected update containing transport news and information which we hope you will find useful. Please feel free to forward and share this information. Happy spring!

Easter rail upgrade works

There will be no trains running to or from London Euston on Easter Sunday (1 April). Network Rail is carrying out essential upgrade work near Wembley. If you are travelling over the Easter weekend your journey will take longer and other services may be busier than usual. [Click for further information.](#)

Please note further rail upgrade works will take place in our area over the spring bank holiday weekend (26-28 May). Several major events take place over the spring bank holiday weekend (including Birmingham Pride and The Biggest Weekend, Coventry), so please plan ahead for travel. [Click for further information.](#)

20mph speed limits

Work to install 20mph road signs and markings in Central South West Birmingham began on 12 March and is due to continue until the end of June 2018. This includes the majority of residential streets in Edgbaston, Selly Oak and parts of Harborne and Bournville wards. Residents in 20mph areas have been issued with wheelie bin stickers (on a request basis) to remind drivers to slow down. West Midlands Police continue to enforce 20mph speed limits across the city and since July 2017 over 700 drivers have been reported for driving over the speed limit in 20mph areas. [Click to find out more about 20mph in Birmingham.](#)

Holloway Circus Congestion

Issues with traffic light phasing, resulting in congestion around Holloway Circus, have been resolved. However traffic delays in this area are being exacerbated by motorists failing to observe box junctions. Please remember you should not enter the yellow box until your exit lane is clear. If motorists block access to vehicles which have right of way, congestion and delays are inevitable. Please observe the Highway Code and show due consideration to other road users.

HS2 Community Engagement Plan

You can now view the HS2 Community Engagement Plans for Birmingham on the HS2 in Birmingham web site. The plans set out how the HS2 team will engage with local communities and will provide details of upcoming construction activities.

Improvements around Lawley Middleway are planned as part of the enabling works for Curzon Street HS2 Station. Preparatory works are due to be carried out from 2 April 2018

and this will include temporary night-time (21:00-06:00 Mon-Fri) closures of lanes on Lawley Middleway, Garrison Circus and Curzon Circle. Please see attached for further information.

Bus route improvement consultations

Consultations relating to Harborne Road Bus Lane and changes to road layouts in the city centre are due to close on Wednesday 21 March 2018. Please click to find out more and share your views before this date.

Birmingham Cycle Revolution cycle routes

The A38 and A34 cycle routes will enable cyclists to use our roads while completely segregated from other traffic, creating a safer and also more enjoyable cycling experience. Click for further information.

To enable the construction of the new segregated cycle way from Selly Oak to the city centre some lane restrictions are required along parts of the Bristol Road (A38). Most of the works will take place on the central reservation and disruption will be kept to a minimum at peak times. Work around Belgrave Middleway is due to commence on 16 April for 12 weeks, with most of the work being carried out overnight to minimise disruption. Click for further information.

Work on the segregated cycle route from Perry Barr to the city centre is also making good progress. Lane restrictions on the A34 northbound carriageway will be required during the works. Footpaths will remain open at all times.

Top Cycle Location

Warwickshire CCC's Edgbaston Stadium has become a Top Cycle Location! With support and grant funding provided by Birmingham Cycle Revolution, the venue now has facilities which will encourage staff and visitors to swap four wheels for two. Click for further information.

West Midlands bike share scheme

The West Midlands is to have the UK's largest docked bike-share scheme outside of London. Transport for West Midlands announced today that bike-share operator, nextbike, will bring 5000 bikes to the region, with the first bikes hitting the streets in September. Click for further information.

Big Birmingham Bikes Giveaway

The Big Birmingham Bikes team has begun giving away more free bikes to residents in some of the most deprived communities of Birmingham. As part of Birmingham Cycle Revolution, phase 2 of the Big Birmingham Bikes scheme will see a total of 2,000 bikes given away to encourage more people to cycle regularly. [Click for further information about Big Birmingham Bike activities.](#)

Westside redevelopment

The major transformation of the west side of the city includes the redevelopment of Paradise, renovation of Centenary Square and extension of the Midland Metro. All the businesses and attractions on Broad Street remain open, so you can still enjoy a night out, just be sure to plan your journey. Buses continue to run along Broad Street and the area also remains accessible to pedestrians, cycles and taxis (Hackney cabs). [Click for further information.](#)

Ashted Circus redevelopment

Work to convert the Ashted Circus Roundabout in Nechells to a signalised junction continues. Most of the work is being carried out at night, with reduced lanes required on all approaches and exits off the roundabout (from 20:00 – 06:00 Mon-Fri). Temporary pedestrian crossings are in operation and access to the subways has closed. As part of the scheme, these will be replaced with shared use footways and toucan crossings at the road level. During the works Heneage Street and Forster Street remain one-way eastbound only for traffic. Parking in the area is restricted and those working nearby are advised to avoid parking on local streets. The area is well served by public transport so please leave the car at home whenever possible. [Click for further information.](#)

Selly Oak New Road preparatory works

Preliminary ground surveys began on Monday 19 March (for 5 weeks) in preparation for construction of Selly Oak New Road. Surveys will be carried out around the Selly Oak Triangle (around Harborne Lane, Chapel Lane and Bristol Road). Any work requiring lane closures will be carried out Mon-Fri at night (20:00-06:00) to minimise disruption. Construction of Selly Oak New Road is expected to start in spring 2019.

M6 works (J2-4)

Highways England has begun work on the M6 between junctions 2 and 4 (Coventry to Coleshill) to create a 'smart motorway'. This includes converting the hard shoulder to create a fourth lane between junctions 2 and 3a. Narrow lanes, 50mph speed limits and overnight lane closures (22:00-06:00) in sections between junctions 2 and 4 are currently required [Click for further information.](#)

Save the date and start planning!

Getting involved with these events is a great way to encourage your workplace or organisation to promote active and sustainable travel:

- 9-17 June – Bike Week 2018
- 10 June - Let's Ride Birmingham 2018 – a free mass participation event suitable for families
- 21 June - Clean Air Day 2018

Please feel free to forward and share this information as appropriate.

With best wishes,

The Birmingham Connected Team

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- **Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321**
- **In an emergency call 999**