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Birmingham Eastside Metro Extension

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Extension Overview

This West Midlands Metro extension forms part of Transport for West Midlands' plan to regenerate public transport in Birmingham and the Black Country, providing much-needed links to the existing heavy and light rail networks, and helping to connect people to education, training and career opportunities further afield in the West Midlands.

The extension will help transform this part of Birmingham city centre by providing greater connectivity and supporting the regeneration of Digbeth. When complete it will run from the existing Metro line at Bull Street to High Street Deritend in Digbeth, via the proposed HS2 Curzon Street Station.

The new tram line will feature four stops providing a high quality and convenient alternative to the car when visiting Digbeth and the city centre. It will form a part of a series of transport projects including HS2, Sprint and Moor Street Station, supporting major regeneration initiatives along the route. These include the redevelopment of Martineau Galleries, HS2 station in the park, Smithfield and throughout Digbeth. The scheme also incorporates a new transport interchange to provide efficient bus, Sprint and coach connectivity with HS2 and will deliver a major urban realm improvement to Digbeth high Street, a once in a generation transformative intervention to improve this key highway into the city.

Construction got underway in Lower Bull Street in spring 2021, including the building of a new delta link to the existing line which was successfully completed ahead of the opening of the extended Birmingham Westside route to Edgbaston.

Spades also hit the ground along Digbeth High Street in summer 2021. Work in this area will revive Birmingham's 'creative quarter' with a refreshed look and feel and sustainable transport links.

The activity to transform Digbeth High Street through the creation of public spaces is already starting to take shape with the installation of the kerb line and paving now underway together with the demolition of the Hartwell's building to make way for the new West Midlands Metro route.

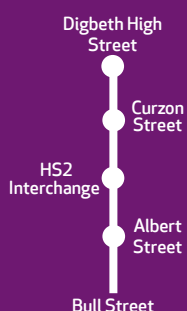
At a glance



Length of route: **1.7km**

Key destinations: **Moor Street Interchange, Curzon Street Station, Digbeth High Street and Coach Station**

Proposed Tram Stops: **Four**



East Birmingham to Solihull Metro extension

The Birmingham Eastside Metro extension is just the first part of a plan to take the Metro further eastwards through Bordesley Green and Chelmsley Wood before terminating in north Solihull at the HS2 Interchange Station, allowing access to the airport and key leisure and entertainment attractions like ResortsWorld and Genting Arena. The proposed East Birmingham to Solihull Metro extension, which is planned to be approximately 17.5km in length, will add 26 additional tram stops to the West Midlands Metro network and forge a direct link between central Birmingham and destinations including Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham Business Park, Birmingham International Station and the NEC.

The headline benefits

-  Modal shift to Metro, resulting in journey time savings and reduced congestion along with the associated environmental benefits, such as improved air quality and reduction in noise
-  Providing new and improved public transport links for the east of Birmingham city centre and Digbeth, allowing easy travel between population, education and employment centres in the city
-  Connecting HS2 to the Metro network and maximising interchange opportunities with the local public transport network
-  Regeneration across the area including the major developments also taking place in the east of Birmingham



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