Public Transport

We want getting around Birmingham by public transport to be quick, easy, cheap and reliable. There are a range of options available for your journeys across the city, and we are working to bring these together as part of a modern, high-quality, integrated transport network.

Network West Midlands

**Network West Midlands** is the name that connects all public transport in the West Midlands, including Birmingham. You will find the logo at all bus stops, bus stations, rail stations, and Metro stops. You can use this to find information that makes it easier to travel by bus, train, and the Metro, including up-to-date timetable information and help with journey planning.

Bus

Bus travel in the West Midlands is connecting more people with more places than ever before, with hundreds of brand-new eco-friendly buses hitting the roads around you. The bus network is fully integrated with train and tram travel across the region, so whether you’re commuting or taking the family out for the day, your journey will be joined-up and seamless.

The majority of bus services in Birmingham are run by National Express West Midlands, along with a number of other bus operators, brought together through the West Midlands Bus Alliance which aims to deliver high levels of passenger satisfaction and drive forward investment.

Train

The West Midlands has one of the biggest, best connected rail networks outside of the capital. From our position at the heart of the National Rail network, it is easy to travel within the region and out to the rest of the UK and Europe.

From December 2017, local rail services will be run by West Midlands Trains as part of a new franchise that will see nearly £1bn invested in the region’s rail network over the coming years in order to increase capacity and improve local provision. This will mean more space on trains, more frequent services, and better facilities for passengers.

Tram

The Midland Metro is integrated with all other ways of getting around Birmingham, and recent investment in new trams means journeys are now faster and more reliable. Around £1.3bn is being invested in extending the tram system across the West Midlands over the next ten years, including new schemes via Centenary Square/Broad Street to Edgbaston, and the Eastside extension to Digbeth, with further links onto East Birmingham and Solihull.

This programme of work is overseen by the Midland Metro Alliance.

Ticketing and Swift card

Various options for tickets and passes are available for getting around by bus, train or tram, including via Direct Debit which often offers the best value. The Swift card is the easy and flexible way to travel around the West Midlands with a range of credits and tickets available. Individual operators often provide further discounts through season tickets or special offers.

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