Midland Metro
Birmingham Centenary
Square Extension
Public Consultation 2013
Comments to be received by
27 September 2013
We would like your views on a change to the forthcoming Metro extension to Centenary Square in Birmingham City Centre. Metro serving this area would help support the continued regeneration of the city and improve public transport connections across the city centre and to and from the Black Country.
What we are proposing to do and why

Centro is planning a further extension to the Metro network in Birmingham City Centre – ‘Birmingham Centenary Square Extension’.

The regeneration now taking place in the Centenary Square area will increase the demand and need for public transport links in central Birmingham and beyond. Centro already has approval to serve this area from the city centre and with some minor changes can improve the proposed tram route through the Paradise Circus area by moving it slightly closer to the new development.

By doing this, we reduce the cost of the extension since there will be no need for a new bridge over the Suffolk Street Queensway. We will also reduce construction disruption by working with the Paradise Circus Developers and the City Council to co-ordinate highway works that will minimise the effect on traffic.

The first extension of the Metro in Birmingham City Centre to New St Gateway is now well underway. Combined with the Birmingham Centenary Square Extension this will improve connections to Victoria Square, Paradise Circus and Centenary Square so reducing congestion and supporting regeneration.
The Birmingham Centenary Square Extension

The details

The plans for the Birmingham Centenary Square Extension have been developed in close cooperation with Birmingham City Council. They support and complement city and regional plans for development and form part of the Centro Strategy for the region ‘Towards a World Class Integrated Transport Network’.

The extension will run from the new terminus stop on Stephenson Street outside New Street Station, travelling along Pinfold Street and turn west onto Victoria Square, with a new stop at the Town Hall. From here, the extension travels along Paradise Street to Paradise Circus then turns onto Broad Street, where it will continue until it reaches the route terminus at Centenary Square.

Running between Wolverhampton and Birmingham Centenary Square, the extension will offer a fast and frequent service with a tram operating every six minutes.
Centro already has approval to extend the Metro but, to integrate with the Paradise Circus redevelopment, we are proposing to adjust the alignment in the vicinity of the development. The change to the route requires a supplementary Transport and Works Act (TWA) Order.

The TWA Order authorises us to construct and maintain a revised route within Paradise Circus Queensway approximately 2 metres north of the original route, further away from the buildings on Paradise Street and closer to Paradise Circus redevelopment. The Order will also revive powers to compulsorily acquire land for the Birmingham Centenary Square Extension including the additional land required within the development to facilitate the new alignment.

The benefits of this route adjustment mean that the costs to build the Metro extension are reduced as there is no need to build a bridge over the Suffolk Street Queensway tunnels.

Centro is working closely with the developers of Arena Central and Paradise Circus to minimise disruption during construction and also reduce costs to the overall project by delivering this new alignment.
New Stop - Victoria Square (Birmingham Town Hall)

Located in Victoria Square outside the Town Hall, this new stop will provide access to the Town Hall, Birmingham Museum and Art Galleries, the Council House, the Paradise Circus development and other existing commercial and residential properties in the vicinity.

New Stop - Centenary Square (Broad Street)

Located on Broad Street at Centenary Square, this stop provides convenient access to the International Conventional Centre (ICC), Symphony Hall, the Library of Birmingham, and the Repertory Theatre. Metro will complement the proposals for the redesign of the public realm in Centenary Square as well as providing an important connection to the regeneration areas of Baskerville Wharf and Arena Central complex and improving access to the Broad Street and Brindley Place entertainment and office quarter.
The benefits of the Birmingham Centenary Square Extension Project:

- **Creating a better connected city** by helping to establish world class public transport links across the city centre - linking Centenary Square and Broad Street with central Birmingham and New Street Station, Snow Hill and the Jewellery Quarter.

- **Stimulating economic growth and helping to create jobs** within the Birmingham City Centre Enterprise Zone, Metro will help support the addition of £2 billion to the local economy and help to create up to 40,000 new jobs.

- **Supporting culture and tourism**, the Metro extension will encourage visitors to come to The ICC, Symphony Hall, the new Library, Repertory Theatre, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham Museum and Art Galleries and the many other key entertainment and leisure destinations available around Broad Street and Brindley Place.

- **As a high quality public transport alternative** Metro will both reduce congestion and encourage sustainable travel for visitors and commuters within Birmingham City Centre.

- **Linking the Westside of the city with the city centre**, Metro will create opportunities to connect directly with Curzon Street Station for HS2, New Street Station and Birmingham International Station for Birmingham Airport.
**Next steps**

Following public consultation, the next step in the process is for Centro to submit the Transport and Works Act Order for powers to construct and operate the Metro on the revised route in the area of the Paradise Circus re-development.

Funding for the £31 million project has been agreed by the Enterprise Zone Board, the Local Enterprise Partnership, Birmingham City Council and Centro.

Following approval of the Transport and Works Act Order from the Secretary of State for Transport the Metro works could start in 2015 and be open for public use in 2017.

**How to take part**

We want to hear your views on the proposals. Your opinions are important to Centro and the decision makers, who wish to understand the benefits of the scheme from your perspective.

There are a number of ways in which you can take part in this consultation:

- Visit our website [www.centro.org.uk/metro](http://www.centro.org.uk/metro) and complete the short questionnaire;
- Complete the questionnaire at the back of this leaflet and return it to the freepost address;
- Visit one of the exhibitions to ask questions and provide feedback.
Please let us have your comments by 27 September 2013

If you would like to find out more about the Birmingham Centenary Square Extension, please attend one of our exhibitions in the City Centre. The team will be on hand to answer your questions and provide more information.

Exhibition details

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Questionnaire

Having reviewed the scheme information for Birmingham Centenary Square Extension, please take a few moments to complete the questions below. Alternatively, visit our website and complete the questionnaire online.

Q1  To what extent do you support this extension of the Midland Metro to Centenary Square in Birmingham City Centre?
Please tick one only

- Strongly Support [1]
- Support [2]
- Neither Support or Object [3]
- Object [4]
- Strongly Object [5]
- Don't Know [6]

Q2  Please give reasons for your answer to Questions 1. Please write in

Q3  To what extent do you support the alterations to take the route closer to the Paradise Circus redevelopment?
Please tick one only

- Strongly Support [1]
- Support [2]
- Neither Support or Object [3]
- Object [4]
- Strongly Object [5]
- Don't Know [6]

Q4  Do you think Midland Metro should operate a late night service to Centenary Square?
Please tick one only

- Yes, please go to Q5
- No, please skip to Q6

Q5  If you answered yes to the previous question – when do you think late night services should operate?

- Special Events Only
- Every Night - until 1:00
- Thursday - Saturday until 03:00
- About 1-3 days a month
- About 1-4 days a week
- Less than once a year
- Never (Not interested)

Q7  How frequently do you visit Birmingham City Centre?
Please tick one only

- (Almost) every day [1]
- (About) 1-4 days a week [2]
- (About 1-3 days a month [3]
- Less than once a month [4]
- Less than once a year [5]
- Less than once a year
- Never [6]

Q8  What is your main means of travel to/from Birmingham City Centre?
Please tick one only

- Bus [1]
- Metro [2]
- Rail [3]
- Car/Taxi (as Driver or Passenger) [4]
- Cycle [5]
- Walk [6]
- Other [7]

Q9  What is the main purpose of your journey to/from Birmingham City Centre?
Please tick one only

- Regular commute to Work [1]
- Other work journey [2]
- Education [3]
- Leisure/Shopping [4]
- Interchange with bus/rail/Metro [5]
- Other [6]

Q10  How would you describe your interchange with bus/rail/Metro? Please tick one only

- Changing between bus and rail [1]
- Changing between Metro and bus [2]
- Changing between Metro and rail [3]
- Changing between bus services [4]
- Changing Betweem bus, rail and Metro [5]
- Other [6]

Q11  Please provide your home postcode. This will only be used for mapping purposes; you will not be contacted from this information.

Please write in
Q12 If you work, please provide the postcode of your usual place of work. This will only be used for mapping purposes, you will not be contacted from this information. Please write in

Q13 Which of the following age groups are you in? Please tick one only

- 16-24 [1]
- 25-34 [2]
- 35-44 [3]
- 45-59 [4]
- 60-64 [5]
- 65+ [6]

Q14 Please indicate your gender? Please tick one only

- Male [1]
- Female [2]

Q15 Do you have any further comments about the Centenary Square extension of Midland Metro in Birmingham City Centre? Please write in