

Notes from the public meeting held on Friday 26th February



- Delays have been caused by uncharted underground services and a shallower than expected gas main at the Woodlands Lane junction, which has necessitated a re-design of the road levels. There is also a shallower than expected water main on the other side of Bradley Stoke Way, which needs to be diverted by Bristol Water.
- New footpath closures are to introduced from 7th March on both sides of Bradley Stoke Way. Diversions will be signposted. This will give the contractors more space to work in, with the advantage that it is easier to manage any problems that arise.
- The pedestrian crossing at Orchard Gate will be closed when the zebra crossing at Patchway Brook Roundabout reopens at the end of March.
- The aim is to have the Woodlands Lane junction fully open and signalised by the start of the new school year in September.
- Work on other sections of Bradley Stoke Way is thought to be less likely to encounter uncharted underground services.
- The possibility of relaxing planning conditions that forbid working at nights and weekends is being investigated, but this needs to have buy-in from the local community. The council's planning department is understood to have given "in principle" agreement to allow early evening and weekend working and a decision is expected within the next few weeks. This would not mean that contractors would be working every evening and every weekend, but would give them flexibility to do so when necessary.
- In response to claims that Pear Tree Road is being damaged by the large number of HGVs using the diversion route (at all hours), the council said it planned to send out 'inspect and repair' teams to look at damaged manhole covers and road surface defects.
- It is unlikely that costs of redesign work and delays can be claimed from the owners of incorrectly charted underground services, although it might be possible to negotiate a "betterment" charge. The council is, however, still aiming for the costs of the whole MetroBus project to come in on target.
- Members of the public would like to see plans for upcoming work on a week-by-week basis

Summing up, Jack Lopresti MP identified the following key points:

- Better coordination is required between government agencies
- The possibility of longer working hours needs to be investigated, so that the project can be completed as quickly as possible
- Better communication is required between the council, councillors, contractors and members of the public



Third front: Traffic cones and tree felling on Bradley Stoke Way, opposite Aldi

How to get in touch with the MetroBus contractors

Alun Griffiths have appointed a dedicated Community Liaison Officer for the MetroBus project, James Aitken, who can be contacted on 08458 622327 (or via email at metrobus@alungriffiths.co.uk). The number is manned between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday. Outside these hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned.



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