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Construction of Wolverhampton station nearing completion

Main construction of Wolverhampton's new railway station is set to be completed this week – marking a historic regeneration milestone in the city.

It is part of the dramatic transformation taking place under the city's award-winning £150million Interchange scheme which is delivering improvements to bus, tram, cycle and train connectivity.

While Phase 1 of the station has been open to the public since May last year with train services running throughout the work, contractors Galliford Try

have been busy building Phase 2.

They are now ready this month to begin the Entry into Service and handover period with West Midlands Railway and Network Rail to ensure the remainder of the new station building - its equipment and facilities - are tested and commissioned before a date is announced to open Phase 2 to the public.

The works compound in front of the new station will remain in place to enable Midland Metro Alliance to complete the final section of the tram extension to the station plaza, creating a fully integrated transport hub with the neighbouring bus station.

Phase 1 includes six ticket vending machines, new British Transport Police, toilet, accessibility and baby changing facilities, three retail units ready to be fitted out, train crew accommodation, and a spacious concourse.

Phase 2 includes three more retail units, as well as a customer lounge and dedicated customer help point.

It is the culmination of years of hard work by all the Wolverhampton Interchange Partners, who have delivered a first-class facility, supported by funding from City of Wolverhampton Council, West Midlands Combined Authority and the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.

Andy Street, the Mayor of the West Midlands, added:

“This fantastic new Wolverhampton station is a critical part of our public transport plans for the West Midlands and links up the Midland Metro extension, bus station and new West Midlands Cycle Hire network, meaning residents will be able to travel seamlessly across the West Midlands.

“I’m delighted the building work has continued throughout lockdown, supporting much-needed jobs and apprenticeships, and meaning the station is ready for the public as we emerge from the pandemic.”

Councillor Ian Brookfield, leader of City of Wolverhampton Council, said:

“This is a historic moment in Wolverhampton’s history and is symbolic of the

multi-billion-pound regeneration that is taking place in our city.

“It has been a long-held ambition to build a railway station befitting of our great city and connect train, tram, cycle and bus in one place to provide a gateway to Wolverhampton that everyone can be proud of.”

Ion Developments managing director, Steve Parry, said:

“Delivering the Interchange scheme is one of our most notable achievements to date - and the completion of the state-of-the-art railway station is very much the pinnacle of this.

“The success of this award-winning development is testament to a unique collaborative approach, led by the council, which we believe will become an exemplar for other towns and cities.”

Brenda Lawrence, head of stations for West Midlands Railway, said:

“Wolverhampton is one of the biggest and most important stations on our network and the completion of the new building marks a major milestone for the city and the wider railway.

“With passenger numbers expected to increase over coming months our station team are looking forward to welcoming our customers back to the railway and showcasing these fantastic new facilities.”

Wolverhampton Interchange Partnership consists of City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC), Ion, West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), West Midlands Railway, Avanti West Coast, Network Rail, Midland Metro Alliance, Canal & River Trust, Black Country LEP and SLC Rail.

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