

The Occupier  
Metrolink Update

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Dear Resident,

### **East Didsbury Metrolink line – Construction Update**

As you may be aware, work is underway to build your new Metrolink extension along the former disused railway line running from St Werburgh's Road in Chorlton to Parrs Wood in East Didsbury. I am writing to provide you with an update on current and upcoming construction works.

Since our last update, ballast laying has been ongoing and is now largely complete along the route. Ducting and drainage works are now complete and overhead line equipment bases have been installed.

At the site of the new **Withington stop**, lighting columns have been installed along with new shelters and handrails. Fit out works on the stop can now begin; this includes electrical works and the installation of the lift mechanism. New wetland habitat replacement ponds adjacent to the nearby allotments will be excavated later this year.

**Burton Road stop**, as with other stops along the alignment, now has all of its platform units in place. Feature finishes to the stop walls can now be completed and the installation of lighting columns and shelters will begin.

The final layer of ballast has now been laid through **West Didsbury stop**. Entrances can now be completed and finishing works can begin.

**Didsbury Village stop** is progressing well, with electrical installations planned to begin soon. The stop entrance onto School Lane is near completion with works to the 88<sup>th</sup> Manchester (2<sup>nd</sup> Didsbury) Scout Hut ongoing.

Shelters are being erected at the **East Didsbury stop** and the section of the Trans Pennine Trail that joins Burnage Lane is being prepared for surfacing. Overhead Line tie in works will begin

early May 2012, this is to connect the current live system on South Manchester Line to the East Didsbury Line, this may require some overnight work and we will write to affected residents closer to the time. Installation of overhead line poles will begin in early May 2012 along the route.

The new Sandhurst Road Bridge has now been installed. It is envisaged that the bridge will be re-opened to the public early April 2012.

Track laying is now complete and the next stage of works will involve tamping, welding and stressing the tracks week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. Some of this work may create noise and vibration. We apologise for any disturbance this may cause. Our contractor, MPact-Thales will continue to monitor vibration levels throughout these operations to enable us to remain within the guidelines.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused, please bear with us while we build your new Metrolink line.

Please note that construction sites can be dangerous places – sites are fenced in for the protection of the public. For your own safety, please do not try to access the site. **There will be no need for anyone to enter your property or business during the works.**

#### **How to find out more**

If you have any queries contact us on 0161 244 1555 (office hours) or email [future.metrolink@tfgm.com](mailto:future.metrolink@tfgm.com). If requested, we are also happy to arrange to visit you at home or at your place of work to discuss the project further.

To report urgent issues or incidents relating to this work, please call 0845 604 2724. This number will be staffed 24 hours a day.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Harrison

Stakeholder and Communications Manager  
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