Three month countdown to New Street’s half time switchover.

Passengers using Birmingham New Street will see the first major changes to the station in over 40 years this April as the first half of the new station opens.

The existing station concourse and current entrances which have been in use since the 1960s will all close, replaced by the first half of the brand new concourse with new facilities and much better access to platforms.

A campaign to inform passengers about the changes kicks off this month with the first of a series of public exhibitions taking place on the main concourse at New Street station between 15-17 January, from 7am-7pm. You’re welcome to pop by to ask questions and pick up information to find out more about the changes. You can also keep up to date on Twitter @networkrail and on newstreetnewstart.co.uk.

Chris Montgomery, Network Rail project director said: “We’ve committed to keeping New Street open to passengers throughout the redevelopment and to date, we’ve been able to do most of our work behind the scenes. The switchover in April will be the first time passengers see real changes in how they use, and access New Street station. By switching off the old station and opening the first half of the new concourse next door overnight, we can keep passengers moving through New Street while we continue rebuilding the existing half of the station and shopping centre above.”

Further exhibitions will be held in the station on: 14-16 February, 19-21 March, 2-6 April.
What’s happening on site

We’re working closely with our delivery partner Mace to minimise any disruption during construction. We currently have over 1000 contractors on site working 24/7 to deliver the first half of the new concourse in April.

Façade: The first of 8000 reflective stainless steel panels for the new station façade have been installed; transforming the old station exterior and giving passers by a first glimpse of the future stunning design for the station.

Pallasades/Grand Central & John Lewis: Grand Central and the new John Lewis shop are set to open in Autumn 2014. Two of the three “cores” of the building are now complete with the steelwork going up which will form the shape of the building.

Elsewhere in the Pallasades, demolition is ongoing in several areas including demolition in the centre of the building to form the new atrium which will open in 2015. The Pallasades shopping centre will remain open throughout the redevelopment.

Moor Street link: This walkway provides a new pedestrian route, opening alongside the new concourse in April providing a link between Moor Street station, Smallbrook Queensway and the new concourse via Stephenson Street.

Platform refurbishment: We only ever close one platform at a time to allow a full train service to operate. We’ll be working on platform 9 next, when platform 8 re-opens in February.

New Stephenson Street entrance: Opening in April 2013, this will become the main entrance into the station, connecting people across the city via the new Moor Street link.

Timeline

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Working safely and responsibly

The redevelopment of New Street station is a huge construction challenge – we’re building in the heart of a vibrant city centre whilst keeping the train station and shopping centre fully open.

We’re committed to maintaining the highest standards throughout construction.

We actively participate in the Considerate Constructors Scheme and we are working with our partners and stakeholders in the city to keep any disruption to an absolute minimum.

If you have any questions about what we’re up to, you can contact our National Helpline on 08457 11 41 41. newstreetnewstart.co.uk