

## Alternative transport

While the tunnels are closed, why not make this summer the time to try alternative healthy and green modes of transport for your journey into the city?



### Bus routes

Hundreds of buses arrive in the city centre every hour. We are working closely with the bus operators and Centro to ensure routes will take into account the closures and we are building in bus priority measures to improve journey times.



### Rail services including Park and Ride

There are a number of rail stations on the outskirts of the city that provide fast, frequent services, meaning you can enjoy a congestion-free journey into the centre. Many stations offer free parking and cycle storage. Check online which services your local station provides.



### Metro services including Park and Ride

Midland Metro is the light rail system which operates between Birmingham and Wolverhampton via West Bromwich, Bilston and Wednesbury. Park and Ride sites are also available along the Midland Metro route



### Cycling into the city

Cycling is a great way to add some healthy activity into your daily routine. You can cycle into the centre or to one of the many rail stations with cycle lockers and stands.

Cycle maps, journey planners and information on cycle facilities at rail stations are available on

[www.brumtunnels.co.uk](http://www.brumtunnels.co.uk)



### Walk to work and other options

Walk-to-work schemes, flexible working and car sharing are alternative options available to commuters heading into the city centre.



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## For further information:

We apologise for any inconvenience this essential work may cause and thank you for your co-operation.

If you would like any further information about the closures, diversion routes that will be in place, alternative transport options or simply the latest news on the works, please visit:

[www.brumtunnels.co.uk](http://www.brumtunnels.co.uk)



Alternatively, for information on these closures or any other highways-related maintenance activity please contact:

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In partnership with the councils Smarter Choices team, we are working with businesses in the city to help them inform employees of the upcoming closures and to help them plan journey options.

If you would like more information or support for your business, email: [brumtunnels@amey.co.uk](mailto:brumtunnels@amey.co.uk)

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# Important information

# A38 tunnels closures

Summer 2014

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FULL 24HR CLOSURES  
10.00pm Friday 18 July to  
6.00am Monday 1 September

# What's happening?

The A38 tunnels through Birmingham are over 40-years-old and had never had a full restoration. Last year, essential refurbishment work started in order to bring them up to modern European standards. This year, the upgrade to the tunnels will be completed.

During this second phase, works will include renewing the ventilation system, installing new security and communications systems (including, CCTV, PA and radio broadcast systems), replacing electrical systems and refurbishing pumping stations and plant rooms.

The A38 St Chad's and Queensway tunnels through Birmingham **will be completely closed to all traffic from 10pm on Friday 18 July until 6am on Monday 1 September 2014.** This year, the full closure will be preceded by two weeks of overnight closures, from 10pm to 6am, and followed by up to four weeks of similar overnight closures.

Birmingham city centre will be open for business as usual and this leaflet, along with the website [www.brumtunnels.co.uk](http://www.brumtunnels.co.uk), aims to provide you with information to help you plan your journey.

## Routes into the city

If you have to travel into Birmingham by car during the closures, there are a number of suggested routes that you can take that will help you to avoid possible congestion and help to keep the impact on traffic in the city to a minimum.

Motorists are advised to avoid M6 junction 6 (Spaghetti Junction) and the A38 (M) Aston Expressway, and find an alternative route into the city centre.

Motorists are also advised to make use of the A4540 Ring Road, to circumnavigate the city and enter at the best point for their destination.

Some localised traffic restrictions will be in place, for example at St Chads and on Broad Street. Detail of all restrictions and bus priority measures can be found on [www.brumtunnels.co.uk](http://www.brumtunnels.co.uk)

## Alternative routes will be signed.

## Tips

- Use public transport where possible. People who did this in 2013 avoided the worst delays.
- Plan your route into the city in advance.
- Be aware of the closures when using Sat Nav, the route generated might not be the best to get to your destination.
- Avoid travelling at peak times of day if possible.
- Leave plenty of time for your journey.

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Overnight closures,  
10.00pm to 6.00am

Full 24hr closures

Last year, over 200,000 additional journeys were made on public transport during the closures. Without this change in travel behaviour, traffic would have been much worse.

People who work in or visit Birmingham are being urged to consider how they will travel during the six-week closure period. Evidence shows that people who used public or sustainable transport in 2013 avoided the worst delays.

Information on traveling by bus, train or tram, advice on cycling or walking, suggested routes, downloadable destination maps and much more is available on the website

[www.brumtunnels.co.uk](http://www.brumtunnels.co.uk)

