



MANCHESTER  
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## Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March – City Centre Events

There is a lot happening in the city this weekend, probably the busiest of the year so far, which is great for residents, businesses and visitors but it does mean planning ahead to make journeys as smooth as possible.

### Events taking place:

- Saturday 11 March, **Lizzo** at the AO Arena and **Chris Brown** on Sunday 12 and Monday 13 March. Avoid congestion on Shudehill, Corporation Street and Trinity Way by travelling on the train or tram to **Victoria**.
- On Sunday 12 March, **St Patrick's Day Parade** in the Cheetham Hill Road/Queens Road area. Rolling road closures between 12pm and 2.30pm may lead to congestion on Cheetham Hill Road, delays to bus services and delays entering and leaving the Manchester Fort retail park.
- **Manchester United** play Southampton at Old Trafford on Sunday 12 March at 2pm. Road closures for the St Patrick's Day Parade and planned works will impact journeys to the match by road. Even if you would not usually take the tram to the match, we strongly advise you to do so for this fixture. You can take the Altrincham line to Old Trafford or the Trafford Park line to Wharfside.

If you are attending an event or just coming into the city centre plan ahead to avoid disruption and use public transport wherever possible. Find out more and plan your journey at: [Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#)

### Major works:

- On Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March, **Metrolink** works are underway and there will be no trams operating via Shudehill, Market Street or Piccadilly Gardens. Services will divert via Exchange Square while Ashton services will operate to Piccadilly and Eccles services will operate to Cornbrook. Bus replacement services will be in operation between Cornbrook and Piccadilly and Victoria and Piccadilly. Find out more at [City centre works | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#)

Ongoing Roadworks within the city centre, include Shudehill, York Street, John Dalton Street and Thompson Street. Those travelling by car should expect a significant amount of additional time to be added to journeys, particularly if are travelling around the Shudehill area or on High Street or Corporation Street. There will be congestion on the roads at all times of the day.



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### **Proactive measures to help ease congestion:**

We have helped mitigate the congestion by working very closely with TfGM, on a daily basis, to put measures in place. TfGM are looking into signal timings to ease the traffic flow and MCC Highways have actioned the following:

- No further Utility works have been granted for this weekend throughout the City Centre
- We have agreed for the scheme on Church Street to be closed down for this weekend and the remaining work to be replanned
- We have agreed that the works on Whitworth Street West will be clear of the bus stops to allow for the additional bus services
- Development works on Swan Street have been co-ordinated so that ingress and egress from the bus station is unaffected other than the TfGM Metrolink works
- MCC and TfGM have ensured all in progress works are not affecting bus stops to allow for the additional services due to the Metrolink replacement
- We have agreed for Highway Development Works which are in progress on Miller Street/Corporation Street are to be completed for this weekend and for any remaining works to be rescheduled including a lane closure required for road marking amendments
- The closure of Angel Street for Highway Development Works and unrelated works requiring a crane have been rescheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Works requiring a crane on Thompson Street was requested within a full road closure however, we agreed a one-way closure to ensure it was open in one direction to allow movement in the area

### **Communications**

Working with TfGM we are raising awareness of the busy weekend and encouraging visitors to consider how they travel into the city centre and advise using public transport wherever possible.

- Social media posts via the Council and TfGM (and via bus operators - [Travel by bus | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#))
- Media release
- [Website updates](#)
- Briefings to stakeholders
- Variable messaging signage across the network

If you have any queries contact the Highways Team at 234 5004