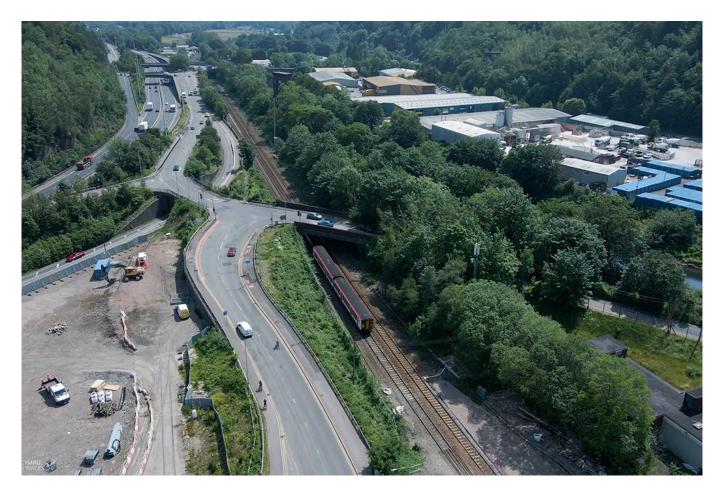# Work begins to link South Wales Metro Control Centre to the rail network

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Work to link the South Wales Metro Control Centre to the rail network begins next month ready for the arrival of the new £150m fleet of Metro tram-trains.

The scheme includes raising the road bridge and creating a new tunnel to join the £100m control centre, maintenance facility and depot in Taff's Well, Cardiff, to the rail network.

Phase 1 will involve work to prepare the site for the new tunnel between 23 August and 10 December 2021. Pending planning approval, Phase 2 will involve the build of the new bridge between 10 December 2021 and Autumn 2022.

This work will require the closure of Ffordd Bleddyn throughout the length of the work, between the junction off Cardiff Road and the entrance to Taff's Well railway station car park.

The pedestrian and cycle path (Taff Trail) along this section of Ffordd Bleddyn will also be closed from the 25th of October. Diversions will be in place for all routes.

Karl Gilmore, TfW's Rail Infrastructure Director, said: "We have a significant amount of work to carry out to create the South Wales Metro and this is a crucial phase of the development.

"We understand this is a lengthy road closure, however this is unavoidable due to the complexity of the tunnel construction. We're working closely with the local authorities to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum.

"We will do everything we can to work responsibly by ensuring our sites are well managed and our people are considerate to our neighbours."

Taff's Well railway station will remain open to the public throughout the work and will be accessible via an entrance from Moy Road/Ffordd Bleddyn from the north.

There will also be work to install deep drainage to the area whilst the modification of Taff's Well station car park is taking place.

Members of the public with any questions should visit tfwrail.wales/contact-us or call 0333 3211 202.

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