



**Trams to
Newhaven**



Trams to Newhaven construction due to commence

Works will start on Constitution Street on 18 November



Meet the team at South Leith Parish Church, Constitution Street on Thursday 7 November

The first phase of work to take trams to Newhaven will start on Constitution Street on 18 November 2019. This follows six months of joint work by the City of Edinburgh Council, Sacyr, Farrans, Neopul (SFN), and Morrison Utility Services (MUS), to finalise the construction programme and costs for the project.

Before then we will be hosting the first in a series of events on November 7 2019, giving residents and businesses the opportunity to meet the team and discuss our plans for taking trams to Newhaven.

A range of team members from Sacyr Farrans Neopul JV (infrastructure contractors), Morrison Utility Services (utility diversion and archaeology), the City of Edinburgh Council and Turner and Townsend (project managers on behalf of the Council), will be on hand to talk you through our plans and explain our construction programme and approach, Support for Business package and project archaeology.

The event will take place in South Leith Parish Church, Constitution Street from noon until 7:30pm. The church is fully accessible. You can find out more information on how to get to the venue via the button below.

[Directions to South Leith Parish Church](#)



Construction schedule

Work will begin in two sections of Constitution Street from Monday 18 November 2019. These are:

- Foot of the Walk to Coatfield Lane – scheduled to be completed by Spring 2021
- Queen Charlotte Street to Constitution Place – scheduled to be finished by Autumn 2020.

SFN and MUS' roles will involve excavation of the road to allow utility diversions, tracklaying, installation of tram infrastructure, public realm improvements, and heritage and archaeology works. This includes the Robert Burns statue, situated on Baltic Street, being removed and undergoing restoration works, before being returned once construction is complete. In addition, the South Leith Parish Church wall will be taken down and re-built. The memorials on the inner face of the wall will also be removed and protected so that they can be reinstated when the wall is re-built.

Further work will take place between:

- Coatfield Lane and Queen Charlotte Street – starting Spring 2021 scheduled to complete Spring 2022
- Constitution Place and Tower Place – starting Autumn 2021, scheduled to complete Summer 2022

[View full construction programme](#)

Traffic management



Traffic management arrangements have been approved jointly with members of the city's Traffic Management Review Panel, including Lothian Buses and the emergency services, and these will be in place from the evening of 15 November 2019. Diversion routes and

advanced warning signage will be erected in the vicinity for information and direction and detailed drawings for these can be found on the website.

Throughout the construction period, access will be maintained to Kirkgate House from Laurie Street and to Coatfield Lane from Queen Charlotte Street. The Bernard Street to Baltic Street, Mitchell Street to Maritime Lane and Queen Charlotte Street road crossings will also remain open. All other sections of Constitution Street will be closed to vehicles. The plans can be found on the project website.

The project will carefully monitor how the traffic management is working during the construction period.

[View traffic management maps](#)



Construction site

From the 18 to 25 November, fencing will be erected in order to establish the construction site and to allow enabling works to take place. Information boards, directional signage and support for business promotional materials will be displayed from the 25 November onwards. Construction traffic will require access to the site.

During construction communal bins that are currently situated on Constitution Street will be moved to the nearest side street. The

regularity of uplifts will be monitored to ensure the area is kept clean and tidy. If you require a bulk uplift, please contact the Council's waste service in the usual manner.

Lothian buses will be diverting Services 12 and 16 during the construction phase as follows:

- Service 12 (towards Seafield) – between Leith Walk and Links Place, buses will be diverted via Duke Street, Academy Street, Wellington Place and John's Place
- Service 12 (towards city centre) – between Gladstone Place and Leith Walk, buses will be diverted via East Hermitage Place, Vanburgh Place and Duke Street
- Services 16 and N16 – between Leith Walk and Commercial Street, buses will be diverted via Great Junction Street, Henderson Street and The Shore in both directions.

[Visit the Lothian Buses website](#)

[Download the Transport for Edinburgh app](#)



Supporting local business



There will be a Support for Business package in operation, devised in consultation with businesses in the area, which will include a local voucher scheme, an 'open for business' campaign across a range of media, a business continuity fund, and free business improvement courses.

A logistics hub to support Constitution Street businesses will be set up on Mitchell Street to help with deliveries and dispatch. Help will also be at hand via the logistics hub for residents expecting large deliveries such as appliances or furniture. Further information can be found on the website.

[Read more about our Support for Business scheme](#)



Leith Walk enabling works

Enabling works are also scheduled to get under way on Leith Walk in mid-November to prepare the access lane for traffic ahead of the main construction work, which begins in spring 2020.

The traffic management will be implemented on this section from 18 November 2019. Traffic will continue to flow both ways and bus services will be unaffected, other than some bus stops being moved a short distance in agreement with Lothian Buses.

[View Leith Walk enabling works maps](#)



Considerate Constructors Scheme



SFN and MUS both follow the principles of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, which requires a firm focus on outstanding management, efficiency, awareness of local environmental issues, and a genuine consideration for neighbours and the community.

During the time that the above works are being undertaken, all efforts will be made to minimise disruption and inconvenience to residents and businesses as much as possible. Further details can be found at

[Find out more about the Considerate Constructors Scheme](#)



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