



Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 13 March 2020



The Trams to Newhaven project is scheduled to be completed and carry passengers by Spring 2023.

In this edition find out more about plans and activities for the next two weeks.

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March 2020 works overview

Leith Walk

The enabling works on Leith Walk are on-going to create the city bound running lane. On the west site of Leith Walk preparatory works will start next week to create a bi-directional cycle lane which will be operational during the construction phase.

Investigation works at different locations on pedestrian footpaths and parking bays will continue to take place. These works will require restrictions being put in place and alternative pedestrian routes will be clearly signposted.

Road paint lining works will commence next week which will involve double yellow and white lining for the new city bound running lane. In addition, the creation of logistic hub areas on Montgomery Street, Albert Street, Dalmeny Street and Foot of the Walk will take place next week ahead of the logistic hubs being set up w/c 23 March 2020. This will involve the suspension of some parking provision in these areas.

The main construction works will commence on 28 March from London Road to Crown Place. From this date traffic management will be installed and fencing will be erected in order to establish the construction site which will take approximately two weeks. Pedestrian crossing points will be installed and sight lines across Leith Walk will be maintained.

As all parking and loading provision will be suspended on Leith Walk, parking areas will be provided at three locations during the works to facilitate access to businesses and local properties. These parking facilities will be short stay only for 30 mins and will be located in the vicinity of Crown Street, Pilrig Street and Elm Row.

Details of the Leith Walk works can be found on the [project website](#).

You can [view details of the traffic management plans for Leith Walk](#) on the project website. In addition, [you can view details of the Lothian Bus diversions](#) on the Lothian Buses website.

Constitution Street

Morrison Utility Services (MUS) will continue working on Constitution Street, excavating the road to allow for utility diversions.

Investigation works at different locations on pedestrian footpaths will continue to take place which will require the creation of alternative pedestrian routes which will be clearly signposted.

In order to progress some complex utility diversions, access for deliveries, customers and workers to Tower Street Industrial Estate and Daltons Scrap Yard will be via Ocean Drive using temporary traffic lights. Access to Tower Street will be maintained via The Shore. These works are expected to last approximately two weeks.

Additional weekend working will be taking place in this area this weekend. The hours will be Saturday from 8am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm.

Works on Links Lane are close to being completed and it will re-open to pedestrians shortly.

If any of your utility supplies are to be affected, you will be contacted directly by MUS with further details.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Traffic management was set up from Newhaven to Melrose Drive on 6 March 2020. Fencing has been installed in order to establish the construction site. All parking and loading on Lindsay Road, Melrose Drive and North Leith Sands has been suspended.

Pedestrian access has been removed from the city bound side of Lindsay Road with signage highlighting diversions.

MUS excavation works are due to commence 23 March 2020.

[Details of the traffic management plans](#) can be found on the project website. In addition [you can view details of bus diversions](#) on the Lothian Buses website.

Ocean Drive

MUS are carrying out site investigation works on the footpath at Ocean Drive. An alternative pedestrian route is in place which is signposted.

Traffic Management arrangements will be installed on Ocean Drive on 13 March 2020. From this date fencing will be erected in order to establish the construction site. All parking and loading on Ocean Drive and Ocean Way will be suspended. Construction works will commence in this area from 16 March 2020.

From 14 March 2020 the bus stops on Ocean Drive will be relocated

to the South of Ocean Terminal (Melrose Drive). [You can view details of the bus diversions.](#)

Please note Ocean Terminal will remain open as usual and access to the car parks will be maintained.

Details of the [traffic management plans can be viewed](#) on the project website.

[Full details of the works can be viewed on the project website.](#)

General Updates

Ground investigation works will take place across the route to provide more detail on ground conditions. At times this will require the installation of traffic management and may impact on parking in the vicinity of the area of works.

Normal construction site working hours are Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm.

Should you experience difficulties or have any further enquiries in relation to the works being conducted then please do not hesitate to contact the Stakeholder & Communications Team on 0131 322 1122 or email at: Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk. Alternatively the [project website](#) contains information on the project.

Logistics Hubs



The Mitchell Street logistics hub continues to operate Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 3pm.

The Cargo bike situated at the hub has now covered over 30km while moving deliveries from the hub to local businesses.

The Logistics officers are happy to have a chat at any time so please feel free to call down.

We also have two roaming logistics officers on Leith Walk to aid with deliveries prior to the main works starting on 28 March 2020.

An information leaflet on the Leith Walk logistics hubs has been distributed to Leith Walk businesses ahead of the main works starting. This can be found on the [project website](#). The four logistics hubs will be situated at the following locations:

- Montgomery Street
- Albert Street
- Dalmeny Street
- Foot of the Walk

We will begin establishing the logistics hubs areas on these streets w/c 16 March 2020.

Sustrans have partnered with the project to supply cargo bikes for the hubs. They recently held a build a bike workshop with some of the local businesses on Leith Walk and you can see a video of how they got on at the Sustrans' [facebook](#) page.

If you are interested in using the cargo bikes to assist with your business deliveries and dispatches please download the form which can be found on the [project website](#). Please complete the form, save it, and email it to Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk with the subject title "registration of interest for cargo bikes".

Please return the form by Friday 15 May 2020. Sustrans is planning to carry out the training, which is required in order to operate the bikes, in late May 2020.



South Leith Parish Church Wall Update

The initial piling works were completed w/c 2 March 2020. The piling rig will return on 23 March 2020 to complete the final section. This work will take 2-3 days.

The piles will be installed using a vibro piling method via the use of a

piling rig which is less intrusive than the traditional hammer method.



Community Benefits

Our main infrastructure contractor SFN recently welcomed two placements to experience all aspects of working on the Trams to Newhaven project. The feedback they gave and their thoughts on where they saw themselves in the future were inspiring and it was great to see them grow in confidence during their time with us.

Archaeology

Throughout the project there will be a variety of opportunities for the local community to get both hands on and educational exposure to the city's historic past.

Working with our archaeology team and in collaboration with the City of Edinburgh Council's Archaeologist, we will be engaging with the local community, schools, colleges and universities with opportunities to provide a fascinating insight into the history and archaeology of Leith and Edinburgh.

One of these opportunities will be to take part in finds processing for the project. This will involve volunteers getting experience of

cleaning and recording archaeological finds.

To register your interest please

email: Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk with the subject header Archaeology Finds Processing. Spaces are limited and priority will be given to residents within the local area.

Support for Business update



There are still itison vouchers available for some participating businesses, so [head over to the website](#) and get yours today.

A number of vouchers have yet to be redeemed. Remember, vouchers sold will be valid until 31 March 2020, so make sure you spend them before then.

A wider scheme involving Leith Walk businesses will launch later in Spring 2020.



Meet the Team:

**Ally Morrison
Project Manager
Turner & Townsend**

Born: Stornoway, Isle of Lewis in 1989

Previous city: Edinburgh

Current city: Dunfermline

Favourite team: Manchester United, Dallas Cowboys

Tell us a little about yourself...

I was born and brought up in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis until the age of 17 when I moved to Edinburgh for university in 2007. I have been based in and around Edinburgh since then, buying a house with my partner Steph in Dunfermline a couple of years ago. Outside of work, my main passion is travelling - on my motorbike where possible - exploring as many interesting destinations as I can. My other interests include all sport, mainly spectating these days however! I train most evenings either doing mixed martial arts or gym work.

Tell us about your career history

After leaving high school in Stornoway, I studied a Masters in Civil Engineering at Edinburgh Napier University between 2007 and 2012. I spent my time between terms working as an Undergraduate Engineer for contractors gaining project experience. I started

working for Farrans Construction as a Graduate Site Engineer in 2012, gradually working my way up to Site Agent by 2018. I worked on a wide and diverse range of projects involving all facets of the construction industry, from the inception of projects to delivery, completion and final handover to clients. My final three years with Farrans saw a direct involvement in the renewable energy sector building a hydro scheme in Kinlochewe and a wind farm in Wick which I completed in 2019 just before moving to Turner & Townsend.

What parts of your job do you enjoy the most?

The challenge of working on a large scale high pressure project where no two days are the same.

What is your role on the project?

I am employed as a Project Manager on the Foot of the Walk to Newhaven section of the project. My main responsibility on the project is supervising the swept path and main construction contractors to ensure they are adhering to the terms of the agreed contract.



Find out more and get in touch



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For further information on the project please visit our website where you can find a range of FAQs. Alternatively, you can contact us via email or by telephone on 0131 322 1122. We're available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

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