

Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 07 May 2020



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

This edition advises on the status of the Trams to Newhaven project due to COVID-19.



Construction Works Shut Down

Construction on Edinburgh's Trams to Newhaven project is on hold to protect the safety of workers and residents during the current Coronavirus outbreak.

The project continues to follow guidance from the Scottish Government as to when construction can recommence and we will provide further updates via our website, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts and the newsletter.

The project has been working on updated plans to ensure we comply fully with Scottish Government guidance when the project recommences.

The existing traffic management on Constitution Street, Lindsay Road and Ocean Drive remains in place.

The construction sites are inspected daily to ensure they are safe

and secure and emergency services have access to all sites at all times in the event they require it.

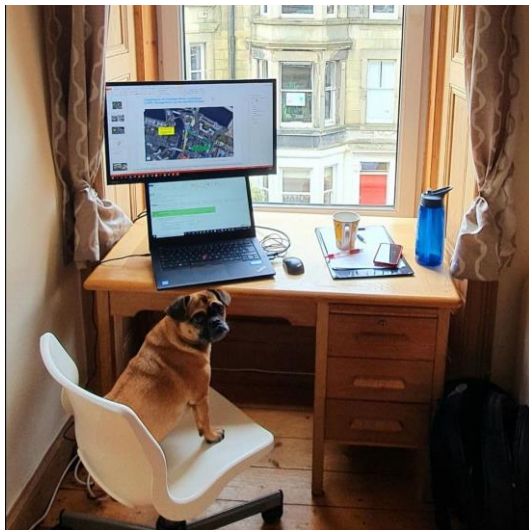
Our contact centre remains operational for any queries. The opening hours for the bank holiday on Friday 8th May will be 8am to 6pm.

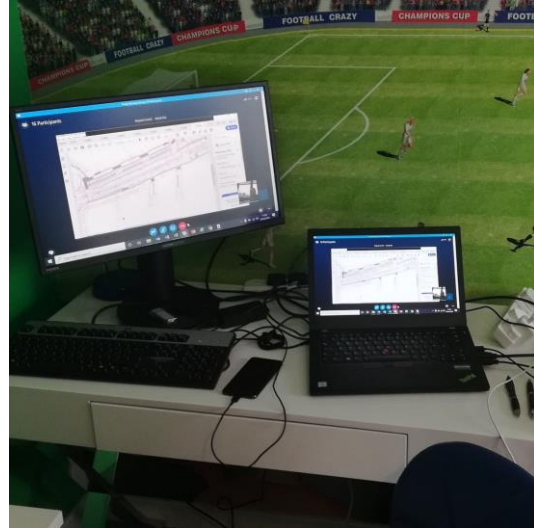
Please refer to the [project website for updated FAQs](#)



Bus Diversions

Please check the [Lothian Buses website](#) or Transport for Edinburgh App for details of bus services.





Work on the project that can be done remotely is continuing, including design, planning and scheduling, as well as drawing up a remobilisation strategy for returning to the site once restrictions are lifted. The team are also planning for the Traffic Regulation Order consultation which is due to commence in June subject to committee approval.

Like many people, the team are adapting to their new working environments. We particularly liked the photo from our Senior Project Manager, Paul, showing his ability to share his work space with his new colleague Alfie. Our Stakeholder Manager Eleana also has good company with Snuggs and Beau.

Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council Advice

The City of Edinburgh Council has a [page giving details on latest on COVID 19 and any impact on services.](#)

This weekend the project team will be taking part in a fundraising event for [Hearts & Minds](#). Hearts & Minds is a registered Scottish Arts and Health charity, based in Edinburgh, who deliver clown therapy sessions spreading joy, laughter and smiles at times when it is needed most. Through the powers of technology, they are continuing to work with the families and supporting them with their Clowndocor on call virtual service.

This challenge sets us all on a mission to see how many marathons we can complete in 26 minutes as a team!

Rebecca Simpson, CEO Hearts and Minds- *It is amazing that you are doing this challenge for Hearts and Minds, any funds raised will go directly on providing Clowndocor on call visits to children who are now completely isolated due to their medical conditions. By taking part in the challenge you are playing your part in spreading joy, laughter and smiles when it is needed the most.*

Good luck!

To learn more about the amazing work that Hearts and Minds deliver, please visit their [website](#). You can also learn more about our challenge on the project's [fundraising page](#).

From everyone at the project we would like to say thank you to the emergency services, frontline workers and our own key staff on the project during this time.

Stay Safe, Stay Home and Protect our NHS.

Friday the 8th May will see the nation mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and remember those who made massive sacrifices during World War II. Please note that some members of the project team will be off.

Although events have been cancelled you can [read an article the Lord Provost wrote recently marking VE Day 2020](#) which gives information on some of the activities that are taking place and how you can get involved from home.



**Find out more and
get in touch**




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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