



Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Leith Walk

Site investigation, excavation works and surface water drainage installation is continuing from London Road to Crown Street.

Pilrg Street to Dalmeny Street

This section of works has been handed back to our Infrastructure & Systems Contractor, SFN, who will commence the main tram infrastructure works.

Newhaven

Main tram infrastructure works are continuing in this area.

Ocean Terminal

This area is one of the first section of works that was handed back to our Infrastructure & Systems Contractor, SFN. This has seen the commencement of the main tram infrastructure works in this area. The works are progressing well with the much-anticipated track laying works, scheduled to commence in November 2020. Further updates will follow over the coming weeks on our digital platforms.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

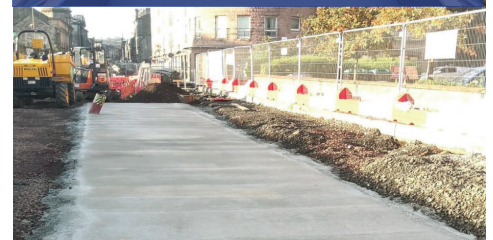
Works are progressing well in this area with the section of works being handed back to the Infrastructure & Systems Contractor, SFN. The Tower Street junction remains closed with further updates expected to follow in the coming weeks.



Leith Walk



Ocean Terminal



Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Archaeology Vlog

We are nearly finished down at the graveyard on Constitution Street, this week City Archaeologist John gives us a run through on some of the interesting burials and catch a glimpse at the potential medieval sea wall!



Ocean Terminal Discovery Garden

The project are aware of the community request to retain the garden at Ocean Terminal, and representatives from the project attended a meeting convened between Ocean Terminal and representatives of the community on Monday 5 October. We continue to liaise with relevant parties on the matter and will provide further updates as soon as these become available.

More Construction Updates



Queen Charlotte Street to Baltic Street

Main infrastructure works are now underway on the section of Queen Charlotte Street, this will see the commencement of drainage and ducting works.

Additional Traffic & Pedestrian Updates



Foot of the Walk (FOTW) to Laurie Street

The footpath on the east side of Constitution Street between FOTW and Laurie Street will be reinstated and opened for Saturday 24 October.

Baltic Street

The temporary traffic lights have been removed at the Baltic / Bernard Street junction. This has now reverted back to 2 lane traffic.

McDonald Road

McDonald Road / Leith Walk junction has been shut to accommodate utility diversions as part of the construction programme. These planned works were based on documents given to the project that detailed the locations of utilities in the area. Following excavations of the road we have identified the need for additional electrical utility works to take place.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times and Pilrig Street will remain open to help traffic flow in the area. Vehicle access to McDonald Road will remain via Bonnington and Broughton Road.

Street Murals



As part of our Support for Business package, we have commissioned a series of small murals to be painted on utility boxes on Leith Walk and Constitution Street. Working alongside Vue Arts, the project will help exhibit the work of local aspiring and established graffiti and street artists.

More information on the artists involved, their inspiration and mural locations will be published on our social media.

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Traffic Regulation Order was issued to statutory consultees on 28 July for a period of 28 days and is available to view online.

Statutory consultees include Edinburgh Trams, Living Streets, Lothian Buses and Emergency Services. Please note these show traffic and waiting orders and include parking areas, banned turns and one ways. The detailed final design is being developed.

Following the conclusion of the statutory consultee period we will be publishing this to the public for comment. You will be able to make comments on the City of Edinburgh Council's Hub and the link to this will be on our website. We will be advertising the publication of this through our social media accounts also.

Progress Drone Video

We have created this video that provides an update on our progress so far.

From Newhaven to London Road, get a birds eye view of the project. The video outlines current key areas of the project, including archaeological works, Logistic provisions and approximate locations of the future tram stops.

Watch the video on our YouTube channel.



Considerate Constructors Scheme



The Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) is a not-for-profit, independent organisation founded to raise standards in the construction industry.

Construction sites, companies and suppliers voluntarily register with the scheme and agree to abide by the Code of Considerate Practice, which is designed to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements. The Scheme is concerned about any area of construction activity that may have a direct or indirect impact on the image of the industry as a whole. The main areas of concern fall into five categories:

Appearance

Workforce

Health & Safety

Community

Environment

Contractors are separately registered under CCS, this involves contractor's alignment to the schemes code of conduct within their working sections.


Sacyr Farrans Neopul (SFN) completed their first audit in September, we are delighted that they were scored as operating beyond compliance and that at the initial stages of their contract they are operating at a high level in terms of the code.

As part of this audit the Logistic Hubs and waiting areas provision were awarded with an innovation point on the project. They were highlighted as being innovative practice within the industry and a worthy example of community engagement during such a large-scale project. Additionally, the logistic provision is being analysed by other local authorities in England, colleagues within the City of Edinburgh council and businesses like Coca Cola Company who are keen to learn from what we have developed locally as part of the project.

Through the delivery of these provisions our aim is to support and assist the local community as much as possible during construction and our team on the ground continue to work hard to assist local businesses and residents as much as possible.

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