



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road
 Drainage and ducting works are continuing along this section with our contractor Morrison's Utility Services (MUS) also diverting utilities.

Main infrastructure works, which includes works on the retaining wall, are progressing well.

Ocean Terminal

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with the continuation of track installation.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Excavation and clearance of any utility services and archaeological finds are continuing. In order to facilitate works in this area additional traffic management arrangements have been installed to maintain access for residents of the Cala Developments. Pedestrian diversions are also in place.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

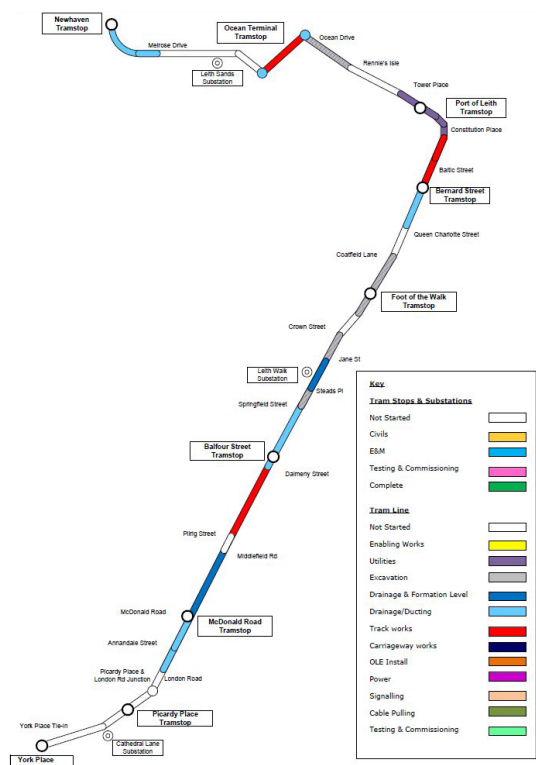
The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area. Works to date completed from Tower Street to Baltic / Bernard Street include drainage and ducting. Track installation works are ongoing in this section. These works will be followed with surfacing and public realm improvements.

In order to facilitate a new phase of works from Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle, the Tower Street junction was re-opened early January 2021 with traffic management arrangements in place. The project will continue to monitor and assess in line with the ongoing restrictions as advised by the Scottish Government and any further changes will be communicated via the project's fortnightly newsletter and Twitter.

Logistic Hubs remain open



Construction Progress Route Map



COVID-19 Health & Safety Measures

We take the safety of our workforce and the community around the work sites very seriously and have put in place a number of additional measures to ensure colleagues are adopting safe working practices. Read more about these additional safety measures on the project website.

Dashboards

You can download the following KPI dashboards for December on our website:

- Health & Safety
- Stakeholder & Communications

You can also view our latest Progress Route Map.

More Updates



Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main infrastructure works are continuing which will be followed by track installation.

Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Works are continuing with ducting excavations. A temporary footpath has been constructed to accommodate the works in this area.

Further foundation works are required at the graveyard wall on 15 February which will involve minor piling. Further information will be provided nearer the time via the our newsletter and Twitter. Affected residents will be notified directly.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Drainage and ducting works are continuing in this area. To accommodate these works we have made some temporary changes to footpaths in this area. Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained at all times.

Leith Walk

SFN and MUS are working on Leith Walk. MUS are undertaking excavations and diverting utility services. SFN are undertaking the main infrastructure works.

Crown Street to Dalmeny Street

We are continuing with the diversion of a 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street. This a complex diversion due to the constrained space and working carefully around a number of other utilities. The duration of these works has been extended and is now due to be complete mid-March 2021.

Dalmeny to Pilrig Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with track works continuing.

Pilrig to McDonald Road

Excavation works in this area have now been completed and this area is being backfilled ahead of being handed over to SFN.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area with the continuation of ducting and track laying preparation works.

Annandale Street to London Road

Main infrastructure works have commenced in this section. Site investigation works are being undertaken between Gayfield Square and London Road.

Elm Row Bronze Pigeons

In 2006, the famous bronze pigeons of Elm Row were removed during tram construction.

As part of Trams to Newhaven works, these sculptures will be reinstated into the new public realm. Currently being refurbished to their former glory, City of Edinburgh Council archaeologist John Lawson along with artist Shona Kinloch visited Kerry Hammond of Powderhall Bronze to see how restorations are coming along. Head to our YouTube to watch them explain their original inspiration, how these amazing birds are created and the real reason these sculptures were placed in Elm Row in the first place!

We will be documenting the journey of these pigeons closely as they go through the refurbishment process, be sure to keep your eyes on our social media for further updates.



Street Lighting

An advertisement for street lighting upgrades. It features a street lamp on the left. The text reads: 'We're upgrading the street lights in this area'. Below this, it says 'Cheaper to run, saving £54 million OVER 20 YEARS'. There is a small graphic of a person with a cane and a dog, with the text 'A safer LIGHT' and 'safer with less glare'. At the bottom, it says 'Better for the environment, using 60% LESS ENERGY'. Logos for 'EDINBURGH' and 'amey' are at the bottom right.

The City of Edinburgh Council is replacing all the bulbs in the street lights across the city. Works are near completion on Leith Walk and the other parts of Leith will begin shortly.

For a timetable of the works visit the City of Edinburgh Council website.

Additional Traffic & Pedestrian Updates

Jane Street Industrial Estate - Temporary Road Closure

We are continuing with utility diversion works on Jane Street in the Industrial Estate. Localised diversion and parking restrictions are in place with access to businesses being maintained at all times. These works are expected to be complete mid-March 2021.

Manderston Street - Temporary Road Closure

Manderston Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk to facilitate utility diversion works. This is a continuation of the works that are currently taking place at the junction of Jane Street and Leith Walk. Localised diversions and parking restriction are in place with pedestrian access being maintained at all times. There have been adjustments to the traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street to accommodate these works.

Leith Walk - City Bound Lane Closure

In order to carry out essential maintenance repairs on the city bound running lane on Leith Walk, we are required to undertake night shift works week commencing Monday 8 February. These works are expected to be completed by Saturday morning. Localised diversions will be in place.

Stevedore Place

Excavation and clearance of any utility services are continuing outside Stevedore Place. The pedestrian crossing was closed off on Tuesday 26 January 2021 to allow the progression of works in the area. This will remain closed throughout the duration of the works.

Following discussions with representatives of the local community, a revised concept design for Stevedore Place and the surrounding area has been developed. You can view these designs on the project website.

The designs will see trees replanted on Stevedore Place on the south side of the street along with a row of green hedge on the north side of the street.

In addition, more trees will be planted at the following locations:

- In front of the old casino building
- On a strip of land next to the development site on Ocean Way
- At the Fingal car park on Stevedore Place
- Replanting of five trees on Ocean Way.


Finally, sites for planting additional trees around Ocean Terminal have also been identified.

In order to construct the tram, the 30 trees currently situated on Stevedore Place have to be removed. The project has been advised that moving them is not a viable option. The new design will see 75-80 trees planted in the area, with 55-60 in the immediate vicinity of Stevedore Place. Further discussion will take place on the best species and size of tree to plant in each location, and when the best time to plant them is.



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What makes your business unique?

"Braid Vets Leith pride ourselves with providing an extremely high level of care for all your pets. We understand that your pets are one of the family, no matter the species. With this in mind, we have set up our exotics service. We are one of the only practices in Edinburgh able to see not only your dogs and cats but all other small animals, be it furry or scaly!"

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