



# Trams to Newhaven

## Project Newsletter



# Construction Update

### Newhaven

Excavation works are now complete on the north side of Lindsay Road, with surfacing and reinstatement works ongoing. Following surfacing works the current arrangements will be lifted with traffic management reverting to the south side of Lindsay Road. This will be as per previous temporary arrangements. On the south side of Lindsay Road at the Newhaven terminus works which include the progression of overhead line equipment (OLE) installation and track installation, are progressing.

### Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping and public realm works continue.

### Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Main infrastructure works are continuing with drainage and ducting ongoing near the Waterfront Plaza. Outbound track works are progressing with shuttering near completion which will then allow for the installation of rails. Preparation works are ongoing ahead of the closure of the Victoria Dock Bridge to carry out reinforcement and structural works. We will also be extending the temporary traffic lights east bound. From Monday 24 May a footpath closure will be implemented with a temporary pedestrian diversion in place. There will be no through route for pedestrians/cyclists. A diversion route is via Rennie's Isle/Commercial Street. This closure is for reinforcement works to the Victoria Dock Bridge. This will enable the next phasing of construction works between Rennie's Isle and Tower Place to begin. On completion of the Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle works, we will close the footpath over Tower Bridge with the same diversions implemented.

### Stevedore Place

Outbound track works are near completion. Once finished, the creation of a new carriageway will begin alongside hard landscaping works.



Ocean Terminal crossover



Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle



Leith Walk raised pedestrian crossing



Annandale Street to London Road

# OLE Poles

The installation of overhead line equipment (OLE) will begin soon.

Along the route the team will be marking out areas on the public footway. Please note that spray marks are indicative, with any directly affected parties receiving prior communication from the project.

OLEs are the overhead wires and supporting infrastructure that carries electricity to power the trams which can either consist of poles (similar to lampposts) or building fixings.

The location of the OLE poles will be either within the central lane of the tram track or within footpaths along the route. This is similar to the current tram system operating between the Airport and York Place.

OLE pole locations have been approved as part of the planning applications for the location of the tram stops.

# Programme Review

Following a review of the construction programme, the project continues to work towards a Spring 2023 open for service date. There are some instances of an extension to the programme in certain sections. You can view the details of the latest programme on our website.

# More Updates



## Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Follow on main infrastructure works are progressing between Constitution Place and Tower Street. These works will include OLE foundations, the creation of the kerb line, surfacing and landscaping. Footpath closures will be in place for up to 12 weeks with diversions on the west side of the carriageway.

## Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Upon completion of carriageway works we will move into the footpath phasing of works to start hard landscaping. This will be done in two sections; Queen Charlotte Street to Maritime Lane/Mitchell Street junction (Summer 2021) and Maritime Lane/Mitchell Street to Bernard Street (Autumn 2021).

## Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Construction of the South Leith Parish Church Wall continues.

## Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Works are underway to progress the construction of the foundation for the tram stop and street furniture. Excavation works at the tram stop and installation of ducting are complete on the east side and the footpath is open.

## Crown Street to Jane Street

We are continuing with the diversion of a 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street and Manderston Street. Further works have been required at Easter Road and Bonnington Road that are associated with this diversion.

## Jane Street to Balfour Street

Works on the outbound track are underway.

## Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Excavations continue to provide routes for new drainage and ducting and to allow for track slabs to be installed.

## Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Central reservation works are underway after the completion of the foundations for the OLE poles.

## Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

The exposed steelwork of the historic rail bridge has been painted to provide protection ahead of concrete works.

## McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Infrastructure works have begun with the installation of the final section of drainage/ducting.

## Annandale Street to London Road

The track slabs are substantially complete with more track slab pours continuing. Works on the foundation of OLE poles has started. There will be changes made to our current site arrangements near London Road including an extension to the current site set-up with traffic management changes.

# Additional Traffic and Pedestrian Management



## **Ocean Drive Footpath Closure**

From Monday 24 May a footpath closure will be implemented with a temporary pedestrian diversion in place. This means that there will be no through route for pedestrians/cyclists accessing the area. A suggested diversion route is via Rennie's Isle/Commercial Street.

## **Constitution Place to Tower Street**

Four way temporary traffic lights have been installed to accommodate drainage and ducting works.

## **Baltic Street/Bernard Street Junction**

To commence the installation of track slab across the Bernard Street/Baltic Street junction the carriageway has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights.

## **Tower Street**

We have reinstated parking restrictions on the south side of Tower Street. The temporary traffic lights also switched back on at the junction of the Shore/ Tower Street. These arrangements are required to ensure larger good vehicles can maneuver around this bend.

## **Manderston Street - Temporary Road Closure**

Manderston Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk for 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 restrictions are in place with pedestrian access being maintained at all times. The traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street has been reinstated to its original position to allow further progression of utility diversion works in the area. Manderston Street will remain closed until end of May 2021.

## **Maritime Lane Closure**

Access to Maritime Lane from Mitchell Street remains closed.

## **Jane Street**

The pedestrian crossing point south of Jane Street will be closed from Friday 28 May in order to progress with the track works on Leith Walk.

## **Arthur Street**

There have been minor adjustments to the fence line on Leith Walk at Arthur Street. This is for duct installation works in the footpath and is scheduled to be completed in May.

## **Coatfield Lane Junction**

To complete this section of works the site was extended at this junction on Tuesday 4 May. This required the installation of temporary lights for approximately four weeks.

## **Easter Road and Bonnington Road**

The temporary traffic lights will be reinstated on Easter Road on 25 May for four days to complete gas works. The temporary traffic lights on Bonnington Road/Tennant Street will remain in place until 28 May. Parking restrictions will be in place.

## **Leith Walk Pedestrian Crossings**

Crossing points on Leith Walk between Jameson Place to Lorne Street and Arthur Street to Iona Street were both moved south to allow for the continuation of track works.

## **Leith Walk Raised Crossings**

We have installed raised crossings on Leith Walk to improve public safety.

# Cycling Notification

In order to begin construction of the permanent segregated cycleway on the north side of Leith Walk, we have to close the temporary bi-directional cycleway at certain sections. We are currently working on the following sections:

- Annandale Street – McDonald Road – a diversion via Annandale Street Lane has been put in place
- Pilrig Street – Balfour Street – a diversion via Cambridge Avenue has been put in place
- Croall Place between McDonald Road and the large digital advertising screen for utility diversion works
- Jane Street – Steads Place (City Fibre works being carried out)

These works are scheduled to be completed by August 2021 at which point the new permanent cycleway on Leith Walk will be available for use in these sections.

Works on other sections of Leith Walk during Summer/Autumn 2021 will also require the closure of the temporary bi-directional cycleway.

You can view suggest cycle diversion routes on our website. Signage and appropriate safety measures will be put in place from this weekend to ensure these diversions are in place for Monday 24 May. The project will monitor these diversions on an ongoing basis.

We have installed cycle racks were at the following locations on Leith Walk:

- Foot of the Walk Waiting area (these will move with the works)
- Albert Street
- Dalmeny Logistics Hubs
- Pilrig Waiting area (these will move with the works)



## Small Business Spotlight

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Read the full article on our website.

## TRO

The public Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation is now closed. Thank you to everyone who submitted their comments. These will now be reviewed and a report will be published in Autumn 2021.

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