



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven including Lindsay Road

Works at the Newhaven terminus are ongoing which include the installation of overhead line equipment (OLE) and track laying. The first phase of works on the south side of Lindsay Road have been completed enabling the traffic management arrangements to be reverted to the south side of Lindsay Road to allow main infrastructure works to continue. Access to North Fort Street from Lindsay Road reopened on Wednesday 2 June. The foundation works for the North Leith Sands substation, located off Melrose Drive, have commenced.

Ocean Terminal

Main infrastructure are progressing well with the crossover of track works continuing. Hard landscaping, public realm work and the construction of the Ocean Terminal tram stop continues.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Main infrastructure construction continues with drainage works ongoing and ducting works complete near the Waterfront Plaza. Outbound track (track heading north bound) works are now complete. The OLE foundation works have started. Reinforcement and structural works to the existing Victoria Bridge have also begun. As a result of these works the bridge is temporarily closed to pedestrians and cyclists. Suggested alternative routes are available and are highlighted by on street signage. This is expected to be in place until Autumn 2021.

Stevedore Place

The creation of a new carriageway is ongoing. Hard landscaping and reinstatement works are ongoing within the existing site set-up. In order to continue with these works a closure is now required to the footway. These new temporary arrangements will see the existing fence line extended towards the properties on Stevedore Place and will be implemented from Thursday 10 June and expected to be in place for up to seven weeks.



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Stevedore Place



Constitution Street



Annandale Street to London Road

More Construction Updates



Constitution Place to Baltic Street

We continue to progress foundation works for the OLEs, the creation of the kerb lines, surfacing, installation of utilities, street lighting and hard landscaping. Pedestrian access is restricted in areas but with localised diversions in place to the west side on the carriageway. A crossing point was installed south of the Tower Street junction. A closure will be required on the west side of Constitution Street, at the corner of the Bank of Scotland travelling north bound. Access to properties will be maintained via the east side of Constitution Street/Baltic Street. These arrangements will be in place from Thursday 10 June for up to ten weeks.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Upon completion of carriageway works we will move into the footway 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). During these works our fence lines will be amended for pedestrian diversions on the newly laid track slab.

Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Drainage and ducting works are continuing. Temporary lights at the Coatfield Lane junction are scheduled to be in place until 11 June 2021. Construction of the South Leith Parish Church Wall continues with the main concrete wall section now complete. The final section of the old wall is being removed to allow the completion of concrete structure ahead of finishing works. We will be starting works in the green space adjacent to the Kirkgate House residential area. This will see excavation works commencing which are to facilitate foundation works for the OLE's, including hard landscaping and public realm works.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Works are underway to progress the construction of the foundations for the tram stop and street furniture. Excavation works at the tram stop and installation of primary ducting are complete on the east side and the pedestrian footway is open. The west side of the footway is now closed to accommodate similar works.

Crown Street to Jane Street

We are continuing with the diversion of a 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street and Manderston Street. This a complex due to the constrained space working around a number of other utilities. Due to issues experienced with the wider SGN network this will be ongoing until early July 2021.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

The inbound track has been completed with works on the outbound track near completion.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Excavations continue to provide routes for new drainage and ducting and for track slab installation.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Main infrastructure works are continuing with the creation of the central reservations underway after the completion of the foundations for the OLE poles.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

The installation of tram infrastructure continues either side of the bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Infrastructure works are nearing completion and hard landscaping is underway. The final track slabs will be poured by the end of June.

Annandale Street to London Road

The track slabs are substantially complete in this area, with the final track pours imminent. Works on the foundation of OLE poles has also begun.

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.

KPI

Dashboards

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

- Health & Safety
- Stakeholder & Communications

You can also view our latest Progress Route Map.

Additional Traffic & Pedestrian Updates

Baltic Street/Bernard Street Junction

To begin track slab installation across the Bernard Street/Baltic Street junction the carriageway has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights. This will remain in place until end of June 2021. At this point, traffic will revert to two lanes, one in each direction.

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. 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 early July 2021.

Bonnington Road/Easter Road - Temporary Traffic Lights

To undertake gas diversion works the temporary traffic lights on Bonnington Road/Tennant Street and Easter Road were reinstated and will be in place until week commencing 14 June 2021. Parking restrictions will be in place

Shrubhill - Car Park Access

The turning lane at Shrubhill will be moved to the north end of the prioritised running lane between the carpark entrance and Shrub Place to enable track works to progress.

Elm Row - Temporary Road Closure

We will be closing Elm Row to traffic from Saturday 26 June to undertake drainage and public realm improvement works. Works required are expected to be completed by Winter 2021/22. Pedestrian access will be maintained and all parking and loading will be suspended

Antigua Street - Parking Suspension and Footway Works

We will be carrying out utility diversion works within the footways and parking/loading areas. Site set up will commence Wednesday 9 June for approximately seven weeks. There will also be adjustments to the traffic lane north bound at London Road roundabout with no access to Gayfield Square from Leith Walk and exiting Gayfield Square will only be via the north exit.

Iona Street - Temporary Road Closure

We will be starting the installation of the new attenuation pipes which will support surface water drainage. Iona Street will be closing from Leith Walk to the junction of Buchanan Street on Monday 14 June for approximately 16 weeks. Parking will be suspended for the duration of the closure.

Cycling Notification

In order to begin construction of the permanent segregated cycleway on the west 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 to McDonald Road – a diversion via Annandale Street Lane has been put in place.
- Pilrig Street to 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.
- Steads Place to Jane Street - City Fibre works being carried out.

We will be starting works in the following sections:

- Dalmeny Street to Balfour Street on Monday 7 June
- McDonald Road to Middlefield Street on Monday 14 June
- Balfour Street to Springfield Street on Monday 14 June
- Springfield Street to Steads Place on Monday 21 June

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

In order to provide a suggested diversion route for cyclists while these works are being undertaken these can be found on our website. The diversions with signage have been installed. The project will monitor these diversions on an ongoing basis.

We have installed cycle racks available at the following locations:

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



Small Business Spotlight

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