



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Main infrastructure works are ongoing and progressing well within this area.

Parking restrictions are in place on Lindsay Road to enable north lane carriageway and associated tram works to continue. These arrangements are expected to last two to four weeks before southbound carriageway works start.

Track installation is progressing well with the commencement of the last track cross over within the Melrose Drive section. Landscaping works have commenced in this area which will see the creation of the new footways.

Melrose Drive

In the coming week construction will commence from the south roundabout on Ocean Drive to Melrose Drive. This coming weekend fencing will be erected in order to establish the construction site and directional signage will be put in place.

From 14 February 2022 utility works are scheduled to commence, followed by main infrastructure and public realm works and are expected to be completed during Autumn 2022. Pedestrian access will be maintained in the area, although may change at times throughout the phasing of works.

Bus stops currently situated on Melrose Drive will be relocated to the west of Ocean Terminal. Further details of these arrangements can be found on the project website.



Foot of the walk



Melrose Drive



Ocean Terminal



Leith Walk

Ocean Terminal

The majority of the new footways are now complete on the west. Landscape works on the eastern carriage way will continue to move southwards towards the Holiday Inn and are scheduled to be completed by Spring 2022.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Victoria Bridge is open to pedestrians and this section is due to be complete and open to traffic in March 2022. This will enable vehicles to access CALA, Victoria Quay, and the Rennie's Isle development via Ocean Terminal.

Further notification will be released in the coming weeks to affected properties.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Construction works will start from Rennie's Isle to Tower Place early March 2022 with notification to local residents taking place ahead of the site establishment. In advance of this section of works starting, Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) foundation works have commenced on the north side of Ocean Drive. Once completed, works will move to the south side which will require enabling works to create walkways and localised access to the Trinity Development.

Upon completion of these enabling works the main phase of traffic management will be installed. As part of this site establishment Tower Bridge will be closed to pedestrians to allow structural works to be undertaken. These works are scheduled to be completed in Autumn 2022. A pedestrian diversion route will be maintained via the Victoria Swing Bridge

Stevedore Place

Landscaping works are expected to commence on the north of Ocean Drive from week commencing 14 February 2022 which will require localised traffic management on the carriageway at times and are scheduled to take up to two weeks to complete.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Landscaping works on the east from Tower Street to Genting Casino corner are scheduled to be complete by Spring 2022.

The reinstatement of the Leith Doc Pillars on Ocean Way is well underway and with the east side nearing completion works have commenced on the west side. To facilitate these works there have been adjustments to the traffic management including a footpath closure. A localised pedestrian diversion is in place to maintain access to Constitution Street.

The installation of the attenuation pipes on Tower Street is ongoing. The site was extended early January with local access arrangements in place. Works are scheduled to be completed by Spring 2022.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Tram stop works will continue and are scheduled to be completed during February 2022. There is a requirement to undertake localised footway works to carry out street lighting, traffic signals, power connections, and installation of cabinets for the tram infrastructure and repairs to defects. These works will mainly be located within the vicinity of tram stop and/or junctions. Where required pedestrian diversions will be in place.

Attenuation pipe works are continuing at Bernard Street including the temporary works to support and protect utility assets. On completion further public realm works will be completed at the Baltic / Bernard Street junction.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

MUS have begun ground excavation works with the clearance of any utility services and archaeological works.

Queen Charlotte Street will remain open under 2-way temporary traffic light control for east and westbound traffic. A full closure of this junction had been scheduled for 21 February however the 2-way traffic will be extended with further updates given over the next few weeks. The closure is required to allow the diversion of a large number of complex utilities in the vicinity.

Access to and from Coatfield Lane for local access only will be via Laurie Street and Constitution Street on a 2-way temporary traffic light control for north and south bound traffic. Loading bays are available on Queen Charlotte Street.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of The Walk (FOTW)

Landscaping works on the existing footpaths on the east side of Constitution Street are ongoing and on completion there will be a traffic management flip to the east to enable the west side foot paths and finishing of the South Leith Parish Church wall to commence.

Works are progressing for the FOTW tram stop which will require upcoming pedestrian diversions.

Our Saturday working hours will be 7am to 3pm between Laurie Street and Coatfield Lane, and Ocean Terminal. This is to facilitate main infrastructure works.



Leith Walk

Cycle Lane

Localised works will be ongoing on the cycle lane on the west side of Leith Walk. As a result, existing cycle diversion routes remain in place until completion.

Traffic management has now been moved to the new road surface on the west side from Jane Street to London Road. This enables works on the east side to commence, which includes the establishment of kerb lines, improved public realm, segregated cycle lane and all associated tram infrastructure works to progress.

Waiting areas for customers of businesses on Leith Walk have been created at Iona Street and Pilrig Street. Further waiting spaces are available on the west side of Leith Walk north of Annandale Street and Pilrig Street and south of Springfield Street.

Scottish Water are undertaking emergency utility works at Albert Street following the collapse of a sewer. As a result the planned left hand turn off Leith Walk onto Albert Street has had to be suspended. In order to facilitate traffic management in the area, a left hand turn from Leith Walk to Dalmeny Street using temporary traffic lights will be put in place. This will not be suitable for HGVs.

FoTW to Jane Street

Infrastructure, drainage and ducting, and hard landscaping works are ongoing with track laying to follow.

Jane Street

Works are continuing at Jane Street for Scottish Water diversion which are expected to be complete by the the start of March 2022. Following this, the footpaths and cycleway will be completed.

165 Leith Walk

Substation works are continuing. This is one of the two tram substations to be constructed for the project, providing power to the tram route, and is expected to be completed by Autumn 2022.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

As part of ongoing localised works on the west side of Leith Walk, the traffic management at the Balfour Street junction is under review and further updates will be issued via the project's communication channels.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Hard landscaping works are ongoing on the east side of Leith Walk.

Annandale Street to London Road

A temporary bus stop was established in this section to accommodate further landscaping works at Elm Row and associated tram infrastructure and surfacing works on the existing running lane. Additionally, site clearance works at Elm Row are ongoing ahead of reinstatement and landscaping works commencing.

There is an extension to site lines at Montgomery Street which is to accommodate the installation of drainage pipes from Elm Row with the wider public realm works to follow. Due to the number of services found the duration is unknown at present but current arrangements are expected to be in place for approximately 16 weeks.

London Road to Picardy Place.

Works continue to connect up with the existing tram line and are scheduled to be completed by Spring 2022. The construction of the new tram stop on Picardy Place is scheduled to start from May 2022. The full section of works from London Road to York Place is scheduled to be completed in October 2022, ahead of a period of testing and commissioning.

Please note the exit from Broughton Street to Picardy Place remains open. Access from Picardy Place to Broughton Street is not allowed. This is scheduled to be in place until May 2022 at which point it will re-open.

The decommissioning and removal of the temporary tram stop at York Place began this week. This is to enable the track to be extended along to Picardy Place where a new tram stop will be constructed as part of the Trams to Newhaven route. From now until April 2022 the tram from Edinburgh Airport will stop at the West End. From April 2022 the tram will then terminate at St Andrew Square, until the new stop at Picardy Place becomes operational when the line to Newhaven opens. Details of the operational arrangements for this are available on the Edinburgh Trams website.

Specialist concrete works will be undertaken in the first two weeks to remove the existing track and tram stop. All efforts will be made to minimise disruption and inconvenience to residents and businesses. This will include the use of acoustic shielding and the creation of a working tent to enclose and isolate the work zone.

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