



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

The main construction works for the project are scheduled to be completed during 2022. As these works complete in sections and areas begin to open, there will be a requirement to undertake localised works on carriage ways and footways to install equipment to support the new tram line including tram communication systems, tram stop fit outs, the installation of overhead line equipment, street lighting, and traffic signalling.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

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 four to six weeks before south bound carriageway works start.

Track installation is ongoing which will include the last track crossover within the Melrose Drive section. Landscaping works have commenced which will see the creation of the new footways.

On completion of the above works we anticipate that two-way traffic will be reinstated on Lindsay Road in March / April 2022.

In addition, localised works are being undertaken on the footways at the development between Lindsay Road and Melrose Drive which are expected to be completed by the end of March 2022.

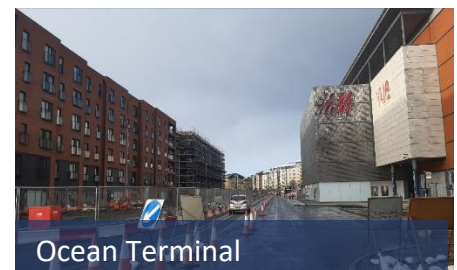
Access to properties will be maintained via temporary walkways.

Melrose Drive

Construction has commenced from the south roundabout on Ocean Drive to Melrose Drive.

Pedestrian access will be maintained in the area, although may change at times throughout the phasing of works.

Bus stops that were situated on Melrose Drive have now been relocated to the west of Ocean Terminal.



Ocean Terminal



Rennie's Isle



Constitution Street



Foot of the Walk Tram Stop

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.

In the coming weeks there will be a requirement to carry out nightshift works in the area. Further information on these works will be communicated via the project's communication channels.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Ahead of works commencing from Rennie's Isle to Tower Place on 28 February 2022 this section will reopen. Access will be provided to the Cala Development and the entrance to Rennie's Isle from the west via Ocean Terminal on Ocean Drive. The vehicle access route to the Ocean Drive area (Tower Place, Forth Ports, Stevedore Place, Constitution Place, Tower Street Industrial Estate) will be via Commercial Street / Bernard Street, and onto Constitution Street.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Overhead line equipment foundation works are ongoing on the north side of Ocean Drive. Works will commence from Rennie's Isle to Tower Place from Monday 28 February 2022. Site set up will begin on the weekend of 26 and 27 February 2022 with traffic management arrangements in place from the day of site establishment. Construction works are scheduled to be completed by Autumn 2022. Vehicle access to (Tower Place, Forth Ports, Stevedore Place, Constitution Place, Tower Street Industrial Estate) will be via Commercial Street / Bernard Street, and onto Constitution Street. Further information on this phase of works can be viewed on the project website. Ahead of the new phase, enabling works commenced on the south footway between Tower Place and the Victoria Swing Bridge which involved the removal of the boundary walls surrounding the Queen's Quay Developments. During this new phasing of works, localised access will be maintained for residents of the development. A pedestrian diversion will be in place via Tower Place and the Victoria Swing Bridge for pedestrians travelling east and west. Additionally, as part of this site establishment Tower Bridge will be closed to pedestrians to allow structural works to be undertaken.

Stevedore Place

Main infrastructure works are ongoing with drainage, ducting, and track works progressing towards Constitution Place. On Wednesday 2 March 2022 a rail delivery to site is expected to the Ocean Drive section of works adjacent to Stevedore Place development. This will require a temporary road closure between 7pm and 10pm. During these operations vehicle access will be restricted.

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.

Attenuation pipe works are continuing at Tower Street including the installation of the temporary works using sheet piles to protect utility assets. Due to unexpected difficulties with underground conditions and position of utility assets these works are now scheduled to be completed in Spring 2022.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main construction works on the tram stop are now complete. The fence lines between Maritime / Mitchell Street and south of the Bernard / Baltic junction on Constitution Street have been removed. Site will be re-established later to carry out the tram stop fit out works, which is expected to be undertaken in June 2022. There is a requirement to undertake localised footway works to carry out building fixings, overhead line equipment, installation of street lighting, building fixings, traffic signals, carriageway signage, power connections, and installation of cabinets for the tram infrastructure. In addition, there may be instances where remedial works are needed. All of these works will be carried out using small, temporary worksites. Attenuation pipe works are continuing at Bernard Street including the installation of the temporary works using

sheet piles to protect utility assets. Due to unexpected difficulties with underground conditions and position of utility these works are now scheduled for completion in April 2022 at which point landscaping works will start.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

In order to progress works and improve pedestrian movement in the area the traffic management at the Queen Charlotte Street junction changed on Wednesday 16 February. The junction will remain open under 2-way temporary traffic management for east and west bound traffic. 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 in this area. From week commencing 7 March 2022 traffic management arrangements will move to the east side of Constitution Street to enable the commencement of west side footway works, overhead line foundation works, and finishing of the South Leith Parish Church wall.

Works are progressing on the FoTW tram stop. Pedestrian diversions will be required over the coming month with further details to be communicated.

Leith Walk

The majority of construction works on the west side are now complete. There still remains some localised outstanding works which are scheduled to be completed during March 2022.

We are aware that vehicles continue to park illegally on the pavements. Our logistics hubs are available to help with deliveries and are located at Montgomery Street, Albert Street, Dalmeny Street and south of Jane Street. You can liaise with directly for help or via our contact centre at newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk or 0131 322 1122.

Cycle Lane

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

Works to establish the kerb lines, improve public realm, a segregated cycle lane and associated tram infrastructure works are progressing on the east side of Leith Walk.

Scottish Water emergency utility works at Albert Street are continuing 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 is in place to accommodate local access. This is not suitable for HGVs.

The following roads will be closing at their junctions with Leith Walk at certain times with diversions in place:

- Iona Street – as part of site set up a full closure will be implemented.
- Lorne Street - as part of site set up a full closure will be implemented.

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.

There will be a further requirement to undertake localised footway and carriage way works to carry out building fixings, overhead line equipment, installation of street lighting, traffic signals, carriageway signage, power connections, and the installation of cabinets for the tram infrastructure. In addition, there may be instances where remedial works are needed. All of these works will be carried out using small, temporary worksites. Balfour Street junction is under review and further updates will be issued via the project's communication channels.

FoTW to Jane Street

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

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Works are continuing at Jane Street for Scottish Water diversion which are expected to be complete in early March 2022. Following this, the footpaths and cycleway will be finished. We will be undertaking water diversion works on Leith Walk at Jane Street on Tuesday 1 March and Wednesday 2 March 2022 between the hours of 9pm and 5am. This is to minimise disruption to water supply for residents and businesses in the vicinity. To complete these works our team will also be required to access the MUS yard on Halmyre Street. Every effort will be made to keep any disruption to a minimum.

From week commencing 21 February there will be no access from Leith Walk to Springfield Street. Localised access will be maintained via Steads Place. This closure is required to accommodate remedial works on the footway on Leith Walk and is expected to last for up to three weeks. On completion both Steads Place and Springfield Street junctions will be open to city bound traffic from Leith Walk.

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.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

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

Annandale Street to London Road

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 until approximately the end of Spring 2022. From week commencing 28 February 2022 hard landscaping works on the existing footway are scheduled to commence. To accommodate these works we are required to extend our site lines towards properties which are expected to be in place for approximately three weeks. Access to properties will be maintained.


London road To Picardy Place

Works continue to connect up with the existing tram line with track works across the Broughton Street / Picardy Lane junction and are scheduled to be completed by Spring 2022. Work on the creation of the tram stop at Picardy Place will then commence. Please note the exit from Broughton Street to Picardy Place remains open. Access from Picardy Place to Broughton Street is not permitted. This is scheduled to be in place until May 2022 at which point it will re-open. Diversion routes are in place for traffic travelling from London Road to Picardy Place.

Adjustments have been made to the traffic management in and around Picardy Place in order to improve traffic movements in the area. A loading bay has been created on Union Street to assist businesses in the surrounding area. From week commencing 7 March 2022 the crossing point located at Edinburgh Playhouse will move further north to accommodate main infrastructure works.

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