



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 with traffic now on the north lane to enable south lane carriageway construction and the continuation of associated tram works. On completion of these works we anticipate that two-way traffic will be reinstated during April 2022.

Track installation is ongoing in the Melrose Drive section including the final track crossover. New footways are also under construction in this area. Localised works are continuing on the footways at the development between Lindsay Road and Melrose Drive, and are expected to be completed by May 2022. Access to properties will be maintained at all times. In addition, the construction of the tram welfare building is expected to commence late March.

Ocean Terminal

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



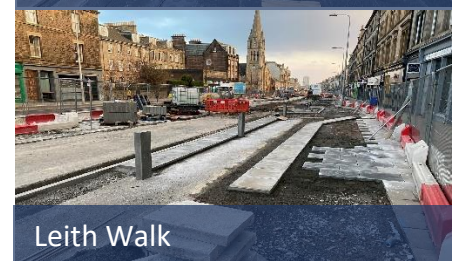
Melrose Drive



Ocean Terminal



Constitution Street



Leith Walk

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Works have commenced between Rennie's Isle and Tower Place. Access to the Cala Development and the entrance to Rennie's Isle are 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) is via Commercial Street / Bernard Street, and onto Constitution Street.

A pedestrian diversion is 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.

Overhead line equipment foundation works are ongoing on the north side of Ocean Drive.

Stevedore Place

Main infrastructure works are ongoing with drainage, ducting, and track works progressing towards Constitution Place.

Landscaping works are expected to commence on the north of Ocean Drive from week commencing 21 March 2022 which will require localised traffic management on the carriageway and are scheduled to take between two to three weeks to complete.

There is a requirement to undertake a further temporary road closure in the coming weeks within this area to accommodate a further rail delivery to site. This will be communicated via the project communication channels.

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. Following completion of these works, further hard landscaping works will be undertaken, including the relaying of setts, which is scheduled to be completed in May 2022.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main construction works on the tram stop are now complete. In the coming weeks further works are required as part of systems infrastructure works for the new tram network in the area.

In addition, there is a requirement to undertake localised footway works to carry out building fixings, overhead line equipment, installation of street lighting, traffic signals, carriageway signage, power connections, and installation of cabinets for the tram infrastructure.

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 utilities these works are now scheduled for completion in April 2022 at which point landscaping works will start.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

MUS are continuing with excavation works at the junction of Queen Charlotte Street and SFN have commenced main infrastructure works in a small section of these works from the Coatfield Lane end of the site. The junction currently remains open under 2-way temporary traffic managements for east and west bound traffic. This is now expected to remain in place until mid-April 2022 at which point a full closure at the junction will be implemented. To maintain traffic flow in the area the junction of Maritime Street and Bernard Street (by Café Marmalade) will open one way heading south. Further details will be available nearer the time.

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.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of The Walk (FoTW)

Landscaping works on the existing footpaths on the east side of Constitution Street are nearing completion. On the weekend of the 12 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 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 new kerb lines, improvements to public realm area, with a segregated cycle lane and associated tram infrastructure works are progressing on the east side of Leith Walk.

Leith Walk (East Side) - Vehicle Updates

Scottish Water emergency utility works at Albert Street are continuing following the collapse of a sewer.

Iona Street and Lorne Street are closed at their junctions with Leith Walk with diversions in place: 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.

FoTW to Jane Street

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

In order to connect the new tram route at the Foot of The Walk (FoTW), Constitution Street to Leith Walk we are required to install new traffic managements at the FoTW junction. Further details are expected to become available in the coming weeks via the projects digital channels.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

The Scottish Water diversion works are now complete in the area which will enable the continuation of the footway and cycleway works in the area. Footways in this area will be reduced whilst these works are being carried out.

From Friday 11 March 2022 Springfield Street will re-open to city bound traffic from Leith Walk.



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 remains under review with further updates being issued via the project's communication channels.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

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

The first of the Overhead Line Equipment poles has been installed with further installation along the route to follow. .

Annandale Street to London Road

Hard landscaping works on the existing footway have commenced through this section. To accommodate these works we have extended our site lines towards properties. This includes the commencement of hard landscaping works at Elm Row. Access to properties will be maintained. We have temporarily re-instated the one-way system at Gayfield Square until the works at York Place to London Road have progressed enough to allow the completion of the section from London Road to Annandale Street.

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 May 2022. Once complete, access from Picardy Place to Broughton Street will be re-introduced. Work on the creation of the tram stop at Picardy Place will then commence.

Diversion routes are in place for traffic travelling from London Road to Picardy Place.

Further details are available on the project website.

The crossing point located at Edinburgh Playhouse will be moving further north to accommodate main infrastructure works.

Please visit the project website for further information.

York Place Tram Stop

The decommissioning and removal of the temporary tram stop at York Place is now complete.

Works are ongoing on the installation of track to allow the existing line to tie in with the tracks at Picardy Place. The creation of the new tram stop at Picardy Place will begin in Spring 2022.

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.


Street Furniture & Systems Infrastructure

As we progress with works you will begin to notice the installation of new street furniture and systems infrastructure across the route of the project. These will include overhead line equipment poles, cycle racks, tram communication cabinets, bus shelters, waste bins, tree planters, and signage.

These will all be done using small localised work sites in specific locations and further details will be available in due course.

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