



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

Two-way traffic will be reinstated on Lindsay Road during April 2022. As part of this the eastbound running lane from Sandpiper Road on to Melrose Drive heading east to the junction at North Leith Sands will close to traffic. Pedestrian routes are expected to change with further information available in due course.

Track installation is ongoing including the final track crossover. 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.

Melrose Drive

Construction is ongoing from the south roundabout on Ocean Drive to Melrose Drive.

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



Melrose Drive



Leith Walk



Elm Row



York Place

Ocean Terminal

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

There is a requirement to undertake out of hours working in the coming weeks and further information will be shared via the project's communication channels nearer the time.

Rennie's Isle to 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.

Stevedore Place

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

The traffic management arrangements have been adjusted within the section of works on Ocean Drive, adjacent to Stevedore Place and are expected to be in place until Summer 2022. This will result in there being changes to vehicle and pedestrian routes.

Landscaping works have commenced on the north of Ocean Drive which has required 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 tram track 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 on hold and will be completed at a later date in the project. Fence lines will remain in place until further works are undertaken.

Attenuation pipe works are continuing at Tower Street. Carriageway reinstatement works have started, including the relaying of setts, and are scheduled to be completed in May 2022.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Localised footway, building fixings, overhead line equipment, installation of street lighting, traffic signals, carriageway signage, power connections, and installation of cabinets for the tram infrastructure works are continuing.

Attenuation pipe works are continuing at Bernard Street and are scheduled for completion in April 2022 at which point landscaping works will start.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

The junction currently remains open under 2-way temporary traffic managements for east and west bound traffic which will 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. Traffic management arrangements moved 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.

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. Lampposts that are currently located on the closed cycleway will be removed once the overhead line equipment has been installed on the central reservation as these will incorporate future street lighting provision.

The majority of construction works on the west side are now complete from London Road to Jane Street. There remains some localised outstanding works which are scheduled to be completed over the next four weeks.

Leith Walk (East Side) - Vehicle Updates

Vehicles continue to park 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 for logistics help or via our contact centre at newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk or 0131 322 1122

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) to Leith Walk we are required to install new traffic management at the FoTW junction. There will be a two phased approach to these new arrangements with phase one expected to be installed over the weekend of 9 and 10 April 2022 and will remain in place until Autumn 2022.

Properties will receive a direct notification in the coming week.

Under these new arrangements key points to note are:

1. The junctions of Manderston Street and Leith Walk and Crown Place and Leith Walk will be closed with enforcement of parking restrictions in place.
2. Traffic movements between Great Junction Street and Duke Street heading both ways will be under 2-way traffic management.
3. There will be no left hand turn from Kirk Street heading north. Vehicles will only be able to turn right heading south on Leith Walk.
4. The bus stop at the foot of the walk will move into the centre of the street. Details of any bus diversions can be found at lothianbuses.com

Jane Street to Balfour Street

The Scottish Water diversion works that were undertaken at Jane Street are now complete. From Wednesday 23 March 2022 site lines were extended at Jane Street on Leith Walk. This is to accommodate the further hard landscaping works in the area. These arrangements are expected to be in place for approximately four weeks.

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 have been installed with further installation ongoing along the route.

Annandale Street to London Road

Hard landscaping works on the existing footway are continuing through this section on the east side of Leith Walk. To accommodate these works we have extended our site lines towards properties. This includes the commencement of hard landscaping works at Elm Row. The first phase of these works from Montgomery Street moving south commenced on Monday 28 February 2022 and are near completion. Further footway works are expected to commence on Elm Row with affected properties being directly notified. 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

Main Infrastructure works ongoing within this area, with track works to connect to the existing tram line across the Broughton Street / Picardy Lane junction are nearing completion.

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

Once complete, access from Picardy Place to Broughton Street will be re-introduced and the pedestrian crossing on the west side of Broughton Street heading towards St Mary's Cathedral will be re-introduced. These arrangements are expected to be re-introduced mid to late April 2022. Information on these changes will be communicated via the projects digital communication channels. Work on the creation of the tram stop at Picardy Place will then commence.

The crossing point located at Edinburgh Playhouse has been moved further north to accommodate main infrastructure works. This is expected to be re-located to accommodate the progression of track works in the area. Any changes will be communicated via the project digital channels.

York Place Tram Stop

This week a testing and commissioning period commenced on the new tram infrastructure at York Place. This involved the running of a tram onto York Place, ahead of Edinburgh Trams resuming services through the city centre to St Andrew Square from w/c 28 March 2022.

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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