



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Main construction works for the project are scheduled to be completed during 2022 with trams operational in Spring 2023. The latest construction programme can be found on the project website. Localised works will continue on carriage 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, landscaping, and traffic signalling.

In addition there will be the installation of new street furniture along the route such as cycle racks, bus shelters, waste bins, tree planters, and signage.

These will all be done using small work sites in specific locations.

There is more information on the construction process on the project website.

Associated traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the project's communication channels.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Two-way traffic was expected to be reinstated on Lindsay Road from 10 April 2022. However, this was delayed due to the reconfiguration of the junction at Sandpiper Drive / Lindsay Road. Lindsay Road returned to two-way traffic on Thursday 21 April 2022.

Details of any bus diversions will be listed on www.lothianbuses.com. Please note the eastbound running lane from Sandpiper Road on to Melrose Drive heading east to the junction at North Leith Sands will close to traffic.

Localised works are continuing on the footways at the development between Lindsay Road and Melrose Drive. On completion, the Newhaven tram stop works will commence. Access to properties will be maintained at all times.



Melrose Drive/Lindsay Road



Ocean Terminal



Leith Walk



York Place

Melrose Drive

Utility works are 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.

Ocean Terminal

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

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Utility diversions continue in this area ahead of main tram infrastructure works commencing in the coming months.

Stevedore Place

The traffic management arrangements have been adjusted within this 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.

There will be further traffic management arrangements installed at Genting Casino from week commencing 25 April 2022. This will require the movement of the footways in the area.

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. However, we are currently reviewing the fence lines on the corner of the Tower Street junction and will reduce fencing where possible.

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 now finished, site set up will change over the coming weeks and a work programme for the hard landscaping is being developed.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

The extension of the site and closure of the junction took place this week with a scheduled completion for this area of works of Autumn 2022.

In order to maintain traffic flow in the area, the junction of Maritime Street at Bernard Street (by Café Marmalade) has opened one way heading south. Parking restrictions will be in place on Maritime Street to facilitate the closure.

Diversion routes are in place for all traffic including cyclists, however cyclists can use the option of walking bicycles through the pedestrian routes.

Main infrastructure works will continue from Coatfield Lane heading north.

From Thursday 28 April 2022 pedestrian access will change on the west side of Constitution Street from Coatfield Lane travelling north to accommodate main infrastructure works. Access to properties will be maintained. These works are expected to take approximately six weeks to complete.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of The Walk (FoTW)

Traffic management arrangements on Constitution Street between Laurie Street and Coatfield Lane were adjusted from Monday 18 April 22 to enable the start of west side footway works, overhead line foundation works, and finishing of the South Leith Parish Church wall. Traffic moved from west to east with pedestrian access maintained.

Works in this section are scheduled for completion by June 2022.

Works are progressing on the FoTW tram stop. To enable the progression of tram stop works on the east side of Constitution Street we are required to make changes to the pedestrian walkways in the area. Access to properties will be maintained, however the walkway on the east will be closed, with main pedestrian access being maintained on the west side. These arrangements are expected to be installed from week commencing 25 April 2022 and will remain in place for approximately six weeks.

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.



Leith Walk

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

Manderston Street to Foot of the Walk

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

Traffic management arrangements at the Foot of the Walk have been changed in the area.

From Manderston Street down to Kirk Street, the running lane has moved to the west side of the street to allow further works on the east side of Leith Walk to commence.

As a result of these changes:

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

In the coming weeks these arrangements will change further to accommodate utility and track works across the junction and more information will be available in due course.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

As part of ongoing localised works on the west side of Leith Walk, vehicle access to Jane Street remains closed. There will be a requirement to undertake further reinstatement works on Jane Street which will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Balfour Street junction is now open to traffic, allowing a right turn from Leith Walk into Balfour Street and a right turn from Balfour Street onto Leith Walk. Works to re-close the entrance to Cambridge Avenue from Pilrig Street are still to be undertaken and further details will be available in due course.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Arthur Street has re-opened to traffic via the city bound running lane.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

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

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.

In addition, hard landscaping works are ongoing at Elm Row with access to affected properties maintained at all times.

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.

York Place to London Road

On Sunday 24 April 2022, the construction site will be amended to allow traffic to travel from Picardy Place heading north down Broughton Street. The pedestrian crossing from The Conan Doyle Pub to the top of Broughton Street (corner with St Paul's and St George's Church) will also be reinstated as part of these changes.

Please note there may be a requirement for out of hours working on the B901 to remove the old bus stop marking. Further information will be available via the project communication channels in the coming days.

Details of any bus diversions will be listed on www.lothianbuses.com.

The pedestrian crossing point located at Edinburgh Playhouse is required to move to accommodate the progression of track works in the area. This is expected to move 30 metres north bound from week commencing 2 May 2022.

There was traffic management arrangements installed week commencing 18 April 2022 at London Road to progress tram infrastructure works.

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