



# 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 throughout the route of the project 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 signaling.

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

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

### Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Lindsay Road returned to two-way traffic on Thursday 21 April 2022. Details of any bus diversions are listed on [www.lothianbuses.com](http://www.lothianbuses.com). Please note the eastbound running lane from Sandpiper Road to Melrose Drive heading east to the junction at North Leith Sands is now closed to traffic.

From Saturday 7 May 2022 there will be an extension to Saturday working hours (8am to 4pm) between the two retaining walls within the Melrose Drive section.

Localised works are continuing on the north and south footways at Newhaven. From Monday 9 May 2022 there will be changes to pedestrian routes however access to properties will be maintained at all times. On completion, the Newhaven tram stop works will commence.



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. Once completed, main infrastructure works will start.

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

Further details of these arrangements can be found on the project website.

### **Ocean Terminal**

The majority of the new footways and landscaping works are now complete outside Ocean Terminal with fence lines being removed where possible.

Hard landscaping works on the eastern carriageway will continue to move south towards the Holiday Inn.

### **Rennie's Isle to Tower Place**

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

You can view the Rennie's Isle to Tower Place traffic management plan on the project website.

### **Stevedore Place**

The traffic management arrangements have been adjusted and are expected to be in place until Summer 2022. This will result in periodic changes to vehicle and pedestrian routes which will be communicated via the project's communication channels.

Additionally, tram stop works have commenced in the area with expected completion Summer 2022.

As part of our works, the wall to the east of Ocean Drive at the Trade Winds development will be dismantled, removed and then re-built. These works are scheduled to commence in the coming week and are expected to last six weeks. Direct notification will be provided to the building's Factor in advance of works starting.

### **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 have reviewed the fence lines on the corner of the Tower Street junction and made adjustments 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.

As previously communicated, we will be re-establishing site around the tram stop to carry out tram stop fit out works. This is expected to start week commencing 16 May 2022 and is scheduled to last approximately two weeks. On completion, fence lines will be removed and re-instated at a later date to accommodate further tram stop fit out works.

Attenuation pipe works are now finished at Bernard Street, with site set up having changed to accommodate the traffic management arrangements for the Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane works.

At a later date there will be a requirement to re-establish site on the south side of Bernard Street to progress hard landscaping works. A work programme is being developed and will be released via the project's communication channels.

### **Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane**

Main infrastructure works are continuing and are expected to be completed in 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 are 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.

From Thursday 28 April 2022 changes were made to walkways on the west side of Constitution Street from Coatfield Lane travelling north towards the end of The Port of Leith Housing Association. These arrangements are expected to be in place for approximately six weeks. Once track works are completed, further footway works will progress towards the Queen Charlotte Street junction. Details will be available in due course and properties that are directly affected will be notified in advance.

### **Coatfield Lane to Foot of The Walk (FoTW)**

Works in this section, including footways, overhead line equipment, and the finishing of the South Leith Parish Church wall are scheduled for completion in June 2022.

To allow 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 and businesses will be maintained, however the walkway on the east will be closed with main pedestrian access being located on the west side. These arrangements 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.

### **Foot of the Walk to Manderston Street**

Infrastructure, drainage and ducting, and hard landscaping works are ongoing with track laying to follow. As previously communicated, to accommodate the progression of utility clearance and track works across the junction at Foot of The Walk, traffic management arrangements will be amended over the next two weeks. The key points to note are:

1. The Manderston Street / Leith Walk junction will re-open to traffic travelling from Easter Road to Leith Walk. Vehicles will only be allowed to turn left onto Leith Walk heading towards the city centre. This will become the main diversion route for buses and other vehicles that normally turn left from Duke Street onto Leith Walk.
2. There will be no left hand turn from Duke Street onto Leith Walk
3. There will be no access to Manderston Street from Leith Walk.
4. Traffic will continue to be able to turn right from Great Junction Street onto Leith Walk.
5. Traffic movements between Great Junction Street and Duke Street heading both ways will remain under two way traffic management.

Parking enforcement will be in place on Manderston Street and Gordon Street to accommodate the diversion route. This will require traffic lining works to be undertaken on 18 / 19 May 2022 ahead of the new arrangements being put in place. Please ensure that no vehicles are waiting or parked on these street as they will be removed.

The temporary bus stop located at Foot of the Walk will be relocated further south on Leith Walk. These arrangements are expected to be in place until Autumn 2022.

### **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 is a requirement for MUS to undertake further reinstatement works on Jane Street. These works are expected take place week commencing 16 May 2022 for approximately four weeks and will require parking restrictions in the area. Further information will be made available in the coming week.

The substation building at 165a Leith Walk is now complete. External surfacing, internal fit-out, and power connection works are ongoing.

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. The crossing point at Dalmeny Street will be relocated in the coming weeks. Further updates will follow via the project communication channels.

### **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 is ongoing on the east side of Leith Walk with surfacing works commencing on the new carriageway and cycle lane in the coming week.

### **Annandale Street to London Road**

Hard landscaping on the existing footway is continuing on the east side of Leith Walk and at Elm Row. Works are also progressing in preparation for surfacing the new carriageway.

Further hard landscaping works are expected to commence between Annandale and London Road on the west side of Leith Walk from early June 2022. Further updates will be issued in the coming weeks.

Nightshift works are scheduled to be carried out 18 and 19 May 2022 from 7pm to 5am to allow the installation of traffic signaling equipment. During these works there will be temporary changes to traffic movement in the area. These are:

Wednesday 18 May 2022: Closure of the Northbound running lane from London Road to Annandale Street with diversions via Broughton Street.

Thursday 19 May 2022: Closure of Annandale Street / Leith Walk junction with a city bound diversion via McDonald Road and Leith Walk.

### **York Place to London Road**

Main tram infrastructure works continue in this section.

There will be adjustments made to the traffic management at London Road from Wednesday 11 May 2022 to accommodate the installation of new pedestrian crossings. These works are expected to take approximately two days.

Union Street will be closing at its junction with Antigua Street on Wednesday 11 May 2022 for approximately two weeks. To facilitate these works parking restrictions will be implemented. The temporary loading bay established on Union Street will remain in place and can be accessed from Forth Street. The one way system between Antigua Street and Forth Street will be suspended to allow access.

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