



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in spring 2023. To date 82% of track slab has been laid (3.8k), 99% of the necessary utility diversions have been carried out, and main construction work is complete on three new tram stops at Constitution Street, McDonald Road and Ocean Terminal, with works progressing well on the Balfour Street and Foot of the Walk stops. We've also installed 58 OLE poles, 28% of the total along the route.

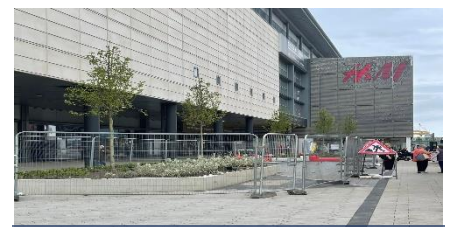
Jubilee Weekend

The project will be working on the 2 and 3 June 2022.

Our communication channels will not be monitored on Friday 3 June and we will be back to respond to all queries on Monday 6 June.

For emergencies, please call 0131 322 1122.

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 including tram communication systems, tram stop fit outs, the installation of overhead line equipment, street lighting, landscaping, and traffic signalling. Associated traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any major changes being communicated via the Project's communication channels. Surfacing works are ongoing in locations throughout the route, which will require junctions/ temporary pedestrian crossings being relocated and/or closed. These closures are expected to be for short duration with changes being communicated via the Project's communication channels.



Ocean Terminal



Ocean Drive



Constitution Street



FoTW Tram Stop

Newhaven to Constitution Place

Localised works are continuing on the north footway at Newhaven. There will be changes to pedestrian routes however access to properties will be maintained at all times. The Newhaven tram stop works are expected to commence in the coming weeks.

There will be adjustments to the traffic management arrangements at Ocean Terminal in the coming weeks. Further information will be available in due course.

Constitution Place to Queen Charlotte Street

Attenuation pipe works are continuing at Tower Street. Relaying the setts has been completed on the west side and the working area has been reduced. Due to the discovery of an uncharted service further investigations are being undertaken ahead of the final connection. Access to Tower Street remains from The Shore.

Further works are taking place on The Shore tram stop for the next two weeks. The reinstatement of footpaths following the installation of OLE poles between Queen Charlotte Street and Baltic Street is ongoing.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of the Walk

The Project will be establishing localised sites on the existing footway between the entrance to South Leith Parish Church and Coatfield Lane which will result in pedestrians being diverted on to the east side of Constitution Street.

Works are expected to commence from Thursday 2 June 2022 and will be ongoing for approximately eight weeks. Part of these works will include preparing the ground for the installation of the Overhead Line Equipment (OLE).

Outlined below is further detail on how the project team will undertake these works:

- Excavations works will be carried out to clear the working space to allow the commencement of reinforcement concrete works. Excavation works are expected to take approximately one week.
- On completion of the above reinforcement concrete works will commence.
- Please note that depending upon the complexity of any encountered utilities, work may take longer to divert utilities and/or undertake further design checks.
- The installation of any OLE pole will take no more than a day and will be carried out consecutively along the route with a date to be confirmed later on in the project.
- Hard landscaping works on the footways will then take place.

Pedestrian arrangements at the Foot of the Walk tram stop will change from Monday 6 June 2022. Pedestrians will be signposted to use the east side of the street. Access to all businesses and properties will be retained.

Leith Walk

A total of 14 temporary wooden planters will be located at key locations between Jane Street and Annandale Street to help deter pavement parking and are expected to be in position for the next few months. The planters are made from recycled materials from the project and will be donated to local community / educational provision. They will also display artwork produced by children from primary schools in Leith using 'I Love Leith because...'

As part of the final design for the project, permanent street planters and other street furniture such as bike racks will be installed. Whilst construction is ongoing, logistics hubs are operational at Montgomery Street, Albert Street, Dalmeny Street and Jane Street to support businesses with deliveries and dispatches.

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 have been amended. 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. The temporary bus stop located at Foot of the Walk will be relocated further south on Leith Walk with the new location in place from Monday 23 May 2022. You can find further information of bus diversions and timetables at www.lothianbuses.com.

These arrangements are expected to be in place until Autumn 2022.

Jane Street to London Road

From Monday 30 May 2022 there will be an extension to our site lines at 105 Leith Walk to accommodate Scottish Power Energy Networks connection works.

These arrangements are expected to be in place for approximately 2 weeks.

These works are not project related. If you have any queries please contact SPEN directly.

Traffic management arrangements on Leith Walk between Pilrig Street - London Road are scheduled to change in the next two weeks. City bound traffic will be 'flipped' onto the newly created carriageway on the east side of Leith Walk. This is to allow tram cable pulls to be undertaken on the carriageway on the west side of Leith Walk. Further details will be released next week.

The Albert Street / Leith Walk junction will close on Friday 3 June 2022 for one day to facilitate drainage, ducting and surfacing works. The logistics hub will remain operational. Local access to Albert Street will be maintained via Easter Road. The junction is expected to re-open on Saturday 4 June 2022.

The Brunswick Road / Leith Walk junction will close on Monday 6 June 2022 for four days to enable project works to be completed across the junction. The main diversion routes will be signposted on street.



York Place to London Rod

There will be changes to the existing sites and traffic management arrangements between Annandale Street and Picardy Place area to accommodate tram works.

These will be undertaken in three sequences, details of which are listed below.

First sequence:

From Sunday 29 May 2022, traffic travelling city bound from London Road will be reduced to one-lane with the loading bays and taxi rank that are currently in place from 9 Baxter's Place to Greenside Lane being closed off and parking restrictions enforced to ensure traffic flows are maintained. In addition, the temporary bus stop that has been located in the centre reservation on Leith Walk will move to its permanent location adjacent to Elm Row.

Further hard landscaping works will also commence between Annandale Street and London Road on the west side of Leith Walk. Pedestrian access will be maintained but will move as works progress.

Second sequence:

This will involve the commencement of hard landscaping works from Blenheim Place to Greenside Lane which are scheduled to start in July 2022. Further information will be available over the coming weeks. Please note that all major construction works at Elm Row are scheduled for completion in July 2022, although there may still be ongoing works on Montgomery Street.

Third sequence:

The third and final sequence will see the construction of a new traffic island on London Road.

Traffic Management plans for all three sequences can be found on the project website.

Parking: All on-street parking will be removed in areas as required with parking enforcement in place. There will also be no waiting permitted from London Road for vehicles travelling city-bound.

Bins: During these phasing of works, communal bins in the area will be situated at the nearest side street to their existing location. The regularity of uplifts will be increased to ensure the area is kept clean and tidy and uplifts will take place in the evening to minimise traffic in the area at peak times.

Lothian Buses: The project has consulted with Lothian Buses on the proposed traffic management to allow the development of their bus diversion routes. You can find further information of bus diversions and timetables at www.lothianbuses.com.

Logistic Hubs: A Logistics hub to support businesses will remain operational on Montgomery Street to help with deliveries and dispatches. Help will also be at hand for residents expecting large deliveries such as appliances or furniture.

The pedestrian crossing point on Picardy Place is scheduled to return to its previous location at The Edinburgh Playhouse from Saturday 4 June 2022.

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