



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.

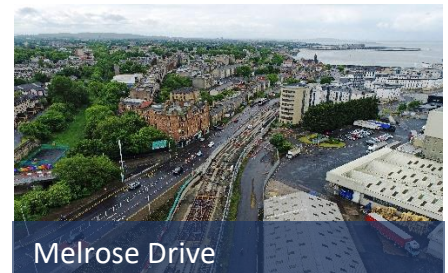
Main construction works for the Project are scheduled to be completed during 2022 with trams operational in Spring 2023. Localised works will continue on carriage and footways along the route to install tram communication systems, tram stop fit outs, the installation of overhead line equipment, street 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

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 have now commenced.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Terminal



Rennie's Isle



Constitution Street

Melrose Drive

Excavation and utility works are now complete and infrastructure works have commenced.

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping works on the eastern carriageway are progressing south towards the Holiday Inn. There will be adjustments to the traffic management arrangements at Ocean Terminal in the coming weeks. Further information will be available in due course.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Main construction works are continuing. Works are complete on both approaches to Tower Bridge, allowing track works to commence over the bridges.

Stevedore Place

On the west side of Ocean Drive, at Stevedore Place, drainage and ducting works are now complete with track works commencing. In addition, tram stop works are continuing. On the east side of Ocean Drive, at the Trade Winds development, the wall works are nearing completion. Works on the east of Ocean Drive at the old casino have now commenced.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Attenuation pipe works are on hold on Tower Street due to the discovery of an uncharted service. Further investigations and design works are ongoing. Further information will be available in due course however the road will remain closed. Access to Tower Street remains from The Shore.

The reinstatement works around the newly installed OLE poles are ongoing within this section of works.

Localised footway works will be required adjacent to the Royal Bank of Scotland to accommodate power connection for the new traffic signals.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Tram stop works are continuing in the area.

There will be a requirement to carry out a second phase of tram stop fit out at a later date, which will include the installation of the tram stop furniture. Details of this will be communicated ahead of works starting

In mid-July, the Bernard / Baltic Junction will reduce to one-lane contraflow to enable final surfacing works to commence.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

Utility works are all now completed in this section and track installation is progressing across the Queen Charlotte Street junction.

Changes have been 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 four 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.

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

Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Works on the South Leith Parish Church wall are continuing. Once completed, OLE and footpath works will commence on the west side between Laurie Street and Coatfield Lane which will require further localised changes being made to the traffic management in the area. Updates will be communicated via the Project's communication channels.

Works at the Foot of the Walk tram stop are continuing. This tram stop is one of only two on route not to be located in the central reservation, the other being at Newhaven.



Cycle Lane

The cycle lane on the west side of Leith Walk remains closed due to ongoing localised works. Diversion routes remain in place until completion. More information on the segregated cycle lane is available on the project website.

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.

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.

Foot of the Walk to Manderston Street

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. All utility diversion are now complete in this section and SFN has started main infrastructure works.

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 has reopened 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.

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 and parking restrictions are in force in the area.

External surfacing, internal fit-out, and power connection works are ongoing at the substation. In order to progress main infrastructure works there will be a requirement to close the Dalmeny Street / Leith Walk junction to traffic. The logistics provision will remain operational with alternative provisions in place for large deliveries. Further information will become available in the next week.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Infrastructure works continue in this section.

A section of the running lane between 165 Leith Walk and Pilrig Street is expected to close over five nights in early July to accommodate the installation of systems infrastructure. Further information will become available in due course via the Project's communication channels.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

Main construction works are nearing completion on the east side of Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and Montgomery Street. To accommodate system infrastructure works there will be further changes to the traffic management and working site areas.

This will result in vehicles being diverted on to the new carriageway on the east side of Leith Walk and heras fencing being removed from the footways. Please note that the cycleway on the east side of Leith Walk remains closed.

Site will be re-established on the west side of Leith Walk which will see heras fencing being located on the carriageway to enable the commencement of tram cables to be pulled under the carriageway that will connect with the substation at 165 Leith Walk. These changes are scheduled to be implemented from Monday 20 June 2022 and are expected to be in place for approximately four weeks.

Albert Street Logistic Hub

We will be removing the welfare and container units at the Albert Street Hub from Friday 17 June 2022 in response to a reduction in demand and to create more space for vehicles to load / unload. As part of the new arrangements, there will be no logistic officers based full time at the location but will be supporting businesses the Dalmeny Street, Montgomery Street, and Foot of the Walk hubs. Affected businesses are being visited to explain this change.

York Place to London Road

Further changes to the traffic management and pedestrian movements are scheduled to start in July 2022. This will involve the commencement of hard landscaping works from Blenheim Place to Greenside Lane. 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.

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.

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