



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in spring 2023. To date 84% of track slab has been laid (almost 4,000m), 100% 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 74 OLE poles, 35% of the total along the route and over 4,000m of drainage infrastructure.

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 signalling.

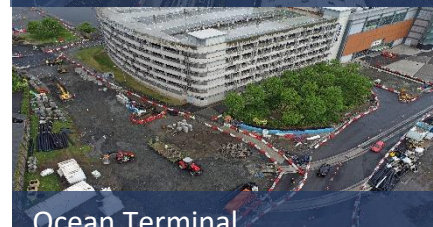
Associated traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the Project's communication channels.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

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 following the completion of the crossover track works. Track works are also ongoing in this area.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Terminal



Rennie's Isle



London Road

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Excavation and utility works, including drainage and ducting, are now complete. Track works will now commence in this area.

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 via the Project's communication channels.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Main construction works are continuing. Works are complete on both approaches to Tower Bridge which enabled the commencement of track works.

This week our contractors SFN completed the largest concrete pour to date on the project, which was on the deck of Tower Bridge. This was a dual pour of 82 metres, with two concrete pumps which equates to 164 linear metres of single-track slab having been poured. This will see the commencement of hard landscaping works over Tower Bridge, as well as further track works progressing eastwards towards Tower Place. In addition, further changes to the traffic management at the Tower Place junction are expected from week commencing 11 July 2022. This will involve site being extended from the west to the east and the pedestrian walkway being located on the eastern side of Tower Place.

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Stevedore Place

On the west side of Ocean Drive, at Stevedore Place, drainage and ducting works are now complete with track works ongoing. In addition, tram stop works are continuing. There were changes made to the traffic management arrangements during the weekend of 25 and 26 June 2022.

On the east side of Ocean Drive, at the Trade Winds development, the wall works are nearing completion with footpaths works scheduled to start shortly.

Works on the east of Ocean Drive at the old casino are ongoing.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Attenuation pipe works are on hold on Tower Street due to the discovery of an uncharted service. 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 near completion in 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. These works are scheduled to commence on Friday 1 July 2022.

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. This will result in a reduction in the amount of heras fencing at the junction.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

Track installation is progressing across the Queen Charlotte Street junction.

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.



Leith Walk

From Monday 4 July 2022 there will be changes to the traffic management arrangements on Leith Walk to carry out surfacing and main infrastructure works. This will involve closures and out of hours working. Advanced warning signs will be in place, with traffic management teams ensuring localised access is maintained.

Full details can be found on the project website.

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. In sections, where the newly constructed southbound cycle way has been complete, this remains closed whilst ongoing works are undertaken. We would encourage cyclists to continue using the diversion routes that are in place.

Foot of the Walk to Manderston Street

Works to establish the new kerb lines, improvements to public realm, including a south-bound segregated cycle lane, and associated tram infrastructure works are progressing on the east side of Leith Walk.

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.

We are required to undertake a water diversion which will require a water shut for properties on Lorne Street and Halmyre Street on Monday 4 July from 11.30pm. This is expected to take 4 hours. Affected properties have been notified directly.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Infrastructure works continue in this section. In order to progress main infrastructure works on Leith Walk we have closed the Dalmeny Street / Leith Walk junction. Access to and from Dalmeny Street will be via Easter Road during this closure. These arrangements are expected to be in place for six / eight weeks. Works will include the creation of the continuous footway across the junction, the installation of drainage and ducting, and finalising footways and the cycle path. The logistics hubs located on Dalmeny Street will remain operational.

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.

System Infrastructure works are ongoing on the west side of Leith Walk. This involves tram cables being pulled under the carriageway that will connect with the substation at 165 Leith Walk. These works are scheduled to be completed by mid-July.

Gas main repair works on the footpath at Albert Place are scheduled to take place this week involving a barriered excavation. These works are expected to take less than a week. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout.

Hard landscaping works are progressing from Annandale Street and Gayfield Place.

Albert Street Logistic Hub

We have removed the welfare and container units at the Albert Street Hub 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 via the Dalmeny Street, Montgomery Street, and Foot of the Walk hubs. Affected businesses have been visited to explain this change.

York Place to London Road

Further changes to the traffic management and pedestrian movements are scheduled for later 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.

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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