



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. Following the completion of the crossover track works, the Newhaven tram stop works have now commenced and are progressing well. The trams welfare building works are ongoing at the end of the line. In addition, track works are progressing heading east on Melrose Drive.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Terminal



Queen Charlotte Street



Leith Walk

Melrose Drive

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 has been minor adjustments to the traffic management arrangements at Ocean Terminal, with minimal impact to road users. These changes were installed in collaboration with Lothian Buses.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Main construction works are continuing. Works are now complete on both approaches to Tower Bridge which has enabled the completion of track works over the bridge deck.

Our contractor, SFN, completed the largest concrete pour to date on the Project, 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 25 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. These arrangements will be installed over the weekend of 23 and 24 July 2022.

Stevedore Place

On the west side drainage and ducting works are now complete with track works ongoing. In addition, tram stop works are continuing.

At the Trade Winds development, the wall works are nearing completion with footpath works scheduled to start in the coming month.

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. This will now be completed in September 2022. The road will remain closed. Access to Tower Street remains from The Shore.

The reinstatement works around the newly installed overhead line equipment poles are near completion in this section of works.

Localised footway works are ongoing adjacent to the Royal Bank of Scotland to accommodate power connection for the new traffic signals.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

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.

The Bernard / Baltic Junction will reduce to one-lane contraflow to enable final surfacing works to commence. These works are scheduled to start on Monday 25 July 2022, with arrangements in place for up to one week. This will result in a reduction in the amount of heras fencing at the junction.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

Track installation is now complete across the Queen Charlotte Street junction.

Hard landscaping and overhead line equipment works will progress towards the Queen Charlotte Street junction. We anticipate that these works will commence from week commencing 25 July 2022. Further 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, overhead line equipment and footpath works will commence on the west side between Laurie Street and Coatfield Lane which will require further localised changes to the traffic management in the area. As part of these works, vehicle access to properties at 138 Constitution street will be closed off for approximately four weeks. Properties have been notified directly.

Public realm works have commenced adjacent to the Kirkgate House flats on Constitution Street. To accommodate these works, parking restrictions were implemented from Monday 11 July 2022. From Monday 18 July we ask that vehicles do not park in the areas identified. Vehicles that remain in the area will be removed. These arrangements are expected to be in place for four to six weeks.

Works at the Foot of the Walk tram stop are continuing.



Leith Walk

All major construction works between Montgomery Street / Annandale Street and Pilrig Street are scheduled to be completed this weekend, 16 and 17 July 2022. This will result in two-way traffic running from London Road to Pilrig Street in both directions and all heras fencing from Montgomery Street / Annandale Street and Pilrig Street being removed.

As part of the changes, there is no waiting or stopping between Pilrig Street and Annandale Street, though there is designated loading and parking provision on both the east and west side of Leith Walk. Logistics provisions to support businesses on Albert Street and Montgomery Street with deliveries and dispatches will also remain on this section of Leith Walk. Parking enforcement will be implemented to support these new arrangements.

Footpath works will continue from Annadale Street – Gayfield Square and works will continue at Elm Row.

From Monday 18 July 2022 Foot of the Walk to Pilrig Street will be closed for two nights.

Localised access will be in place between Foot of The Walk and Jameson Place. This is to carry out surfacing works on the carriageway.

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.

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.

Lampposts that are currently located on the closed cycleway and foot ways will be removed once the overhead line equipment has been installed on the central reservation as these will incorporate future street lighting provision. The new street lighting is expected to be live from Friday 15 July 2022. Following this, the existing lampposts will be removed which is expected to commence early August and will take approximately four to six weeks. To accommodate these works there will be a requirement for localised work sites to be established on the footway and carriageway. Access will be maintained. As advised the cycleway remains closed for these works.

Foot of the Walk to Manderston Street

Works are ongoing including track installation, new kerb lines and cycleway installation.

There will be a slight reduction to traffic management at Duke Street / Foot of the Walk, which will enable the pedestrian crossing to be relocated back to its original location at the junction.

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.

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 until the end of August 2022. Works will include the creation of the continuous footway across the junction, the installation of drainage and ducting, and finalising footways and the cycleway. The logistics hub located on Dalmeny Street will remain operational.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

Further works are required on the McDonald Road tram stop to install street furniture. These works are scheduled to commence week ending 22 July 2022 and will be ongoing for approximately four weeks.

Gas main repair works have been completed on Albert Place footpath and will be backfilled week commencing 18 July 2022. Pedestrian access is maintained.

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

Albert Street Logistics 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.

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

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.

Contact Us

✉ newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk

☎ 0131 322 1122

📷 @tramstonewhaven

🐦 @TramstoNewhaven

Download our more detailed newsletter:

