



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in spring 2023. To date 93% of track slab has been laid (over 4,000m), 100% of the necessary utility diversions have been carried out, and main construction work is complete on four new tram stops at Constitution Street, McDonald Road, Ocean Terminal, and Foot of the Walk with works progressing well on the Balfour Street and Port of Leith stops. We've also installed 96 OLE poles, 45% 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 signaling.

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

Works are continuing on the north footway at Newhaven. Construction of the tram stop is ongoing, which includes the tram welfare building. In addition, the installation of track is progressing heading east on Melrose Drive.

Melrose Drive

Track works are continuing in this area. There will be adjustments to pedestrian routes in this area.



Melrose Drive



Stevedore Place



Queen Charlotte Street



Leith Walk

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping works continue on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn.

There have been minor changes to the traffic management arrangements in the area to facilitate final surfacing works.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Overhead line foundation works are progressing opposite The Fingal.

Temporary street lighting has been installed and improvements made to pedestrian routes in this area.

Stevedore Place

Track and tram stop works are continuing.

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

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

Temporary street lighting has been installed by the old casino.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Attenuation pipe works at Tower Street are scheduled to be completed in the coming months. The road will remain closed. Access to Tower Street remains from The Shore.

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

Remedial works on the track slab in this section will take place w/c 15 August 2022 and is expected to last two weeks.

Two trial holes are being dug at the corner of Mitchell Street and Constitution Street w/c 15 August 2022 in order to confirm the location of utilities in this section.

Traffic management arrangements at the Bernard / Baltic Junction have changed following the completion of final surfacing works. This includes a filter lane allowing traffic to turn right onto Constitution Street when coming from Seafield.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

In order to facilitate a Scottish Water diversion on the west side of Constitution Street between the Port of Leith building and the Chop House, there has been a change to the previously published construction programme.

Further details can be found on the project website.

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. Public realm works are ongoing between Coatfield Lane and the entrance to South Leith Parish Church. In addition, footpath works will be taking place at the junction of Coatfield Lane and Constitution Street.



Leith Walk

With the street lighting now incorporated into the OLE poles in the central reservation, the removal of the old lampposts located on the footways and newly created cycleways are expected to start during August. This will involve the creation of small works sites in order to allow Scottish Power Energy Network to disconnect power to the lampposts, arrange for their removal, with reinstatement then following. A full programme is being developed and further details will be available in due course.

Cycle Lane

To accommodate the above works, both cycleways on Leith Walk remain closed and diversion routes are in place.

Foot of the Walk to Manderston Street

Track has been installed across the junction and the concrete pour completed. As a result of these works, there is now full track installed between Picardy Place and Constitution Place.

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.

Scottish Power Energy Network connection works for street lighting in Lorne Street are underway.

The worksite at Jamieson Place will be extended from 15 August 2022 to allow further works to take place.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Infrastructure works continue in this section.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

Additional public realm works at the Iona Street / Leith Walk junction will begin during August. McDonald Road tram stop works continue. The first tram shelter on the route has been installed and these works are scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2022.

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

The Project will be reinstating the turn back at Picardy Place from 19 August 2022. This will improve bus and traffic movements between Broughton Street and Leith Street. Out of hours working will take place during weekend 13/14 August 2022 to allow traffic signalling works to be undertaken in advance of it becoming operational.

Further changes to the traffic management and pedestrian movements are scheduled for w/c 15 August 2022. This will involve changes to site set up and traffic management in the area. Affected parties will receive direct notification in the coming week.

There will be out of hours works on York Place from w/c 15 August 2022 to allow system infrastructure works. These are scheduled to last for one week and will involve a closure of the west bound carriageway at York Place.

Program update

The project remains on schedule for completion by spring 2023 and within the £207.3m budget, with all major construction anticipated to be complete by the end of 2022 ahead of a testing and commissioning period.

However, the programme has changed for specific sections of the route due to industry-wide challenges with the availability of materials and skilled labour, as well as other issues including utility conflicts that were more complex than expected.

As a result, some stretches are scheduled to take longer than originally planned.

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SPEND YOUR VOUCHER



The redemption period for the itison vouchers has been extended to the 31 December 2022.

If you have bought vouchers you can use them at participating businesses on Leith Walk, Constitution Street and at Ocean Terminal. They are a great way of supporting businesses on the route during construction.

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