



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.

Please note there may be instances of emergency works being undertaken by utility providers on the route which are not project related.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Works continue on the north footway at Newhaven. Construction of the tram stop is ongoing which will require changes to pedestrian footways. Access to properties will be maintained.

Track installation is progressing heading east on Melrose Drive.



Melrose Drive



Stevedore Place



Queen Charlotte Street



Leith Walk

Melrose Drive

Track works are continuing in this area.

There have been adjustments to pedestrian and vehicle route to allow hard landscaping works to commence.

Ocean Terminal

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

There will be minor changes to the traffic management arrangements in the area, which will see traffic heading east using the western carriageway from Monday 29 August 2022.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

There have been minor changes to the fence line at the Rennie's Isle junction at Ocean Drive to allow hard landscaping and surfacing works. This will involve a temporary restriction for vehicle access and further updates will follow through the project's communication channels.

Overhead line foundation works are progressing opposite The Fingal. In addition, track works continue in the area.

Stevedore Place

Track and tram stop works are continuing with the foundation works on the tram stop now complete. The fit out of the tram stop, including furniture, is expected to commence during September.

Traffic management arrangements will change over the weekend of 27/28 August 2022. This is to allow road surfacing and footpath works to take place over the coming weeks.

A concrete pour at the east end of Stevedore Place on Ocean Drive is taking place on Friday 26 August 2022. Once completed this will mean there is tram track in place from Picardy Place to Tower Place.

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.

Surfacing works between the old casino building and the entrance to Tower Street Industrial Estate is scheduled to take place from w/c 19 September 2022.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Remedial works on the track slab in this section are ongoing and are scheduled to be finished by Monday 29 August 2022.

Preparation works to enable system infrastructure works, including cable pulling, will take place in this section under small localised sites.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

Works are progressing in this section with ongoing changes to pedestrian footways to facilitate hard landscaping and surfacing works.

The one remaining OLE base needs to be excavated and a water diversion undertaken which is situated adjacent to the Chop House. In order for these works to progress, the existing street lighting column will need to be removed. The Project is liaising with SPEN to arrange disconnection and removal to allow OLE works to commence. Affected properties will be notified directly.

Preparation works to enable system infrastructure installation will also be taking place in this section.

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 (SLPC) wall are continuing. In addition, footpath works have also started at the SLPC wall.

Public realm works are ongoing between Coatfield Lane and the entrance to SLPC and at the junction of Coatfield Lane and Constitution Street.

Installation of tram stop furniture at the FoTW stop is scheduled to start in the coming weeks.



Leith Walk

With the street lighting now incorporated into the OLE poles in the central reservation, the project is working with Scottish Power Energy Network (SPEN) to finalise a programme to remove the old lampposts located on the footways and newly created cycleways. This will involve the creation of small works sites to allow SPEN to disconnect power to the lampposts, arrange for their removal, followed by reinstatement. 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.

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.

SPEN connection works are now complete at Lorne Street. Further ducting work will be required which will result in changes to pedestrian footways. Access to properties will be maintained.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Infrastructure works continue in this section.

The junction of Dalmeny Street and Leith Walk will remain closed to allow surfacing and reinstatement works to continue.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

Additional public realm works at the Iona Street / Leith Walk junction are ongoing

The emergency Scottish Water works at Croall Place are ongoing. These are expected to be completed w/c 29 July 2022.

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.

The junction of Brunswick Street and Leith Walk has been temporarily closed for two weeks to allow a review of its operation.

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

There will be temporary changes to the traffic management arrangements at Gayfield Square from Tuesday 30 August 2022 to allow hard landscaping works to take place across the entry and exit junctions with Leith Walk.

York Place to London Road

Project works have commenced between Blenheim Place and Greenside Lane with arrangements expected to be in place until November 2022.

There are three sequences of traffic management which will enable main infrastructure and landscaping works to be undertaken.

We are now entering the second sequence of works.

Once completed, footway works will commence which are scheduled to start in September 2022.

Direct notification to affected businesses will take place ahead of these works.

The turn back at Picardy Place has been reinstated which will improve bus and traffic movements between Broughton Street and Leith Street.

London Road Clock

The historic London Road clock has returned home after 15 years in storage and following its full restoration, as part of the Trams to Newhaven project.

The clock, which began life on Waverley Bridge in 1857 before being moved to the West End in 1896, was eventually placed at the roundabout on London Road in 1955. It was removed in 2007 during the original tram project and is now being replaced at the south end of Elm Row.

Specialist clockmakers Smith of Derby have carefully restored the clock, which has involved dismantling it, priming and repainting all parts, hand painting ornate features in gold and repairing the Coat of Arms of Edinburgh, including casting a new deer from aluminium.

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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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