



# Trams to Newhaven

## Project Newsletter



## Construction Updates

Trams are scheduled to be operational in Leith and Newhaven by Spring 2023. To date 96% of track slab has been laid (over 4,400m), over 8,500 metres of communication and utility ducting has been installed. Main construction works are complete on five new tram stops at Constitution Street, McDonald Road, Ocean Terminal, Balfour Street, and Foot of the Walk and progressing well at the Port of Leith stop. We've also installed 114 OLE poles, 53% of the total along the route, and over 4,300m 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.

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

Fit out works, including the tram shelter and benches, on the tram stop are continuing.

The construction of the welfare building is complete and internal works are ongoing.

Track works at the end of the line will commence in the next couple of weeks. Works continue on the north footway at Newhaven. There have been changes to pedestrian arrangements in this area to allow tram stop works to progress. An access route is provided through our works and back onto the footway for all users.

Track installation is progressing heading east on Melrose Drive.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Drive



Stevedore Place



Leith Walk

### **Melrose Drive**

Track works are continuing in this area.

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

The substation on Melrose Drive is now energised as well as the Leith Walk substation. These two new substations will provide power to the tram route.

### **Ocean Terminal**

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

### **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 works.

The planned surfacing works at the junction of Rennie's Isle / Ocean Drive has been postponed. Further updates will be issued in due course.

OLE foundation works are expected to commence on the south side of Ocean Drive by the Queen's Quay Development. Direct notification with affected properties will be carried out in the coming week.

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, has commenced.

Pedestrian and traffic management arrangements are changing on Monday 26 September 2022 to allow road surfacing and footpath works to take place.

### **Constitution Place to Baltic Street**

Attenuation pipe works at Tower Street are scheduled to recommence from Monday 26 September 2022 for approximately four weeks.

This will be completed in two phases with pedestrian access and resident parking maintained.

- Phase 1 from Monday 26 September.
- Phase 2 from Wednesday 5 October.

There will be cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works which are expected to commence during October 2022. Further details will be available in due course.

Surfacing works between the old casino building and the entrance to Tower Street Industrial Estate has been postponed due to resourcing issues. Further updates will be issued in due course.

### **Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street**

There will be cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works which are expected to commence during October 2022. These works will require parking restrictions and further details will be available in due course.

### **Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane**

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

The one remaining OLE base has been excavated adjacent to The Chop House to allow the required water diversion to take place.

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 Foot of the Walk (FoTW)**

Works on the South Leith Parish Church (SLPC) wall are ongoing with footpath works nearing completion.



### **Leith Walk**

With 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. These works are expected to commence from week commencing 3 October 2022 and will continue down Leith Walk as part of a rolling programme.

Further updates will be issued.

### **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**

Hard landscaping works continue between Duke Street and Crown 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.

Ducting work at Lorne Street is required which has resulted in changes to pedestrian footways. Access to properties will be maintained.

### **Balfour Street to Pilrig Street**

Hard landscaping and surfacing works continue in this section with minor adjustments being made to fence lines. Pedestrian access and property access will be maintained.

This section is expected to open to city-bound traffic late September 2022 with the majority of heras fencing being removed. This will see traffic heading south crossing over from the west side to the east side of Leith Walk, north of the Balfour Street junction. Vehicles will continue to be able to exit Balfour Street and turn right heading south.

In addition, vehicles will be able to turn left into Dalmeny Street from Leith Walk and left out of Dalmeny Street onto Leith Walk.

Please note, the carriage way on the west side from Pilrig Street to Balfour Street will close to vehicles with access to Arthur Street via Balfour Street or Pilrig Street.

Public realm works at the Iona Street / Leith Walk junction are ongoing.

### **Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street**

The emergency Scottish Water works at Croall Place are completed and traffic is back to two lanes heading city-bound.

The Brunswick Street / Leith Walk junction remains closed until further notice.

Access to the east of the city will be via Leith Walk and left onto London Road.

## York Place to London Road

### Antigua Street – Annandale Street north-bound road closure

From Saturday 1 October 2022 there will be changes to the traffic management arrangements on the north-bound section of Leith Walk between Antigua Street and Annandale Street to allow final surfacing works to be undertaken.

Further details, including diversion routes, will be available on Monday 26 September 2022.

Both junctions at Gayfield Square will be closed from Monday 26 September 2022 with entry and exit to Gayfield Square via East London Street. Please note, this arrangement is a change to what was previously communicated.

## Union Street

Union Street will be closing at its junction with Antigua Street/Leith Walk on Monday 26 September for approximately four weeks to accommodate project works in the area. Access will be maintained via Broughton Street, Broughton Place and Forth Street with the one way system on Union Street between Antigua Street/Leith Walk and Forth Street suspended to allow access. Loading provisions will remain in place for businesses.

Project works between Blenheim Place and Greenside Lane are continuing. We have started the second sequence of carriageway works, details of which can be found on our website.

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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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