



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 136 OLE poles, 64% 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 continue on carriage and footways throughout the route to install tram systems infrastructure, 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.

Out of hours work

There is a section on the project website that details planned out of hours working over the coming weeks. New additions include works on the OLE poles (Construction Section).

Energisation of Wires

Energisation of newly installed overhead lines will commence during November and December to allow a testing and commissioning period to begin at the start of 2023.

Once energised an Authority to Work (AtW) will be required from Edinburgh Trams for residents and businesses along the route should they require certain works to be undertaken on their properties. All affected properties and businesses will receive a leaflet detailing an AtW in the next month.

Further information can be found on the Edinburgh Trams website.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Drive



Stevedore Place



Leith Walk

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

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

Track works are continuing in this area, including a concrete pour that took place on Thursday 6 October 2022.

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

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 took place today (7 October 2022).

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.

A concrete pour to encase the tram tracks took place today (7 October 2022). Totalling 170m, this is the longest track pour the project has undertaken and means that there is now track installed from Picardy Place to Newhaven.

Stevedore Place

Track and tram stop works are continuing with the foundation works on the tram stop now complete.

Further pedestrian and traffic management arrangements are scheduled to take place in the coming week which will see traffic using the full north side carriageway to allow OLE, cable pulling and surfacing works on the south footpath and carriageway to take place.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Attenuation pipe works at Tower Street have commenced and are scheduled to be completed during November 2022.

On completion setts will be reinstated with localised traffic management.

Cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works continues, which at times may require parking restrictions to be installed within the area. These will be highlighted with on-street signage.

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

Cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works are ongoing. There is a requirement to install parking restrictions on the parking bay on the east side of Constitution Street, between Mitchell Street and Queen Charlotte Street from Monday 10 October 2022 (approximately four weeks).

The two bins that are currently located on the west side of Constitution Street, south of the entrance to Maritime Lane, will be removed in the coming weeks. Bin provision in Maritime Lane and Mitchell Street will remain.

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 and power diversions 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.

Cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works are ongoing.

The Queen Charlotte Street junction has been opened for east / west bound traffic.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of the Walk (FoTW)

Works on the South Leith Parish Church (SLPC) wall are ongoing and scaffolding will be erected w/c 10 October 2022 to allow further works to progress.

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 started this week and will continue down Leith Walk as part of a rolling programme.

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.

There will be cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works in this section going forward. This will require parking restrictions to be in place on the newly constructed loading bay between 236 and 244 Leith Walk.

These are expected to be in place from Monday 10 October until Saturday 15 October 2022.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Main construction is now completed and the majority of heras fencing has been removed from Pilrig Street to Jameson Street.

Traffic heading south is now 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.

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.

Cable pulling as part of the system infrastructure works will begin w/c 10 October 2022.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

In order to accommodate system infrastructure works there will be a requirement to close the carriage way to north bound traffic from 7pm - 4am between Annandale Street and Pilrig Street.

Diversions will be in place via east Claremont Street / Bonnington Road.

These arrangements will be in place from Monday 10 October 2022 and are expected to remain for five nights.

The Annandale Street junction will remain open to allow a right-hand turn onto Leith Walk

heading toward the city centre. As part of these arrangements the McDonald Road junction will close.

Please refer to the Out of Hours section of works for further information.

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.

The direction of the traffic flow on Brunswick Road has been changed to allow a west to east movement from McDonald Road from 4am - 7pm while the above works are being progressed.

York Place to London Road

Antigua Street – Annandale Street north-bound road closure

Foot and carriageway works are continuing in this area.

There is diversion signage installed in the local area to inform road users of the recommended route. The main diversion route for northbound cyclists will be Dublin Street, Abercromby Place, Albany Street, Broughton Street and East London Street while traffic will be diverted via Dundas Street, Brandon Terrace, Canonmills, Broughton Road and Bonnington Road.

Details of Lothian Buses diversions will be listed on their website. Please note between Hanover Street and London Road, buses will be diverted via Dundas Street, Great King Street, Drummond Place, London Street, East London Street, Annandale Street and Elm Row and between Princes Street and Leith Walk, buses will be diverted via Waverley Steps, Leith Street, Broughton Street, East London Street and Annandale Street.

Please note that both junctions at Gayfield Square are closed with entry and exit to Gayfield Square via East London Street.

Union Street

Union Street is closed at its junction with Antigua Street/Leith Walk to accommodate project works in the area. These works are scheduled to be completed during October 2022. 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.

A second phase of works on the southbound side of Leith Walk from Annandale Street to the Picardy Place turnback will take place once the above works are completed. Further details on this phase will be available shortly.

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.

ITISON VOUCHERS:

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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