



# Trams to Newhaven

## Project Newsletter



## Construction Updates

Trams are scheduled to be operational in Leith and Newhaven by Spring 2023. To date 99% of track slab has been laid (4,585m), and 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 158 OLE poles, 74% 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

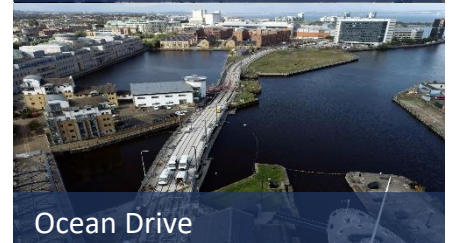
The nightshift works on the Overhead Line Equipment are carried out by specialist teams. Due to the nature of these works and for the safety of our workers, it is not appropriate for them to be undertaken during regular working hours, but need to be carried out overnight when the site is unoccupied.

We will endeavour to minimise disruption as much as possible and to undertake the work as quickly as possible.

Please note that these works are carried out on a rolling basis and that the timelines quoted relate to the whole section.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Drive



Stevedore Place



Leith Walk

### **Newhaven to Melrose Drive**

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

Works are continuing on the north footway at Newhaven. We will be installing new street lights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper over the coming weeks. You can view further details on the project website.

### **Melrose Drive**

Track works are now complete in this area.

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

### **Ocean Terminal**

Hard landscaping continues on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn. Fence lines have been removed from the north side of Ocean Drive following completion of main infrastructure works.

Alterations have been made to the traffic management arrangements at Ocean Terminal south roundabout with no right-hand turn access from Ocean Drive to Victoria Quay. To gain vehicle access to Victoria Quay, the turn back at the north of Ocean Drive is available.

JC Decaux are currently installing bus shelters on both east and west sides of the street.

### **Rennie's Isle to Tower Place**

OLE foundation works have commenced on the south side of Ocean Drive by the Queen's Quay Development.

Properties directly affected have been notified. Upon completion of the OLE works, hard landscaping and surfacing works will commence.

### **Stevedore Place**

Track and tram stop works are complete. Surfacing works will be ongoing within the area.

In order to accommodate the progression of project works, there will be changes made to the current arrangements on Ocean Drive.

These changes are expected to be implemented on Friday 4 November 2022.

Pedestrian arrangements remain in place.

There is a requirement to carry out some remedial works on a short section of track slab at the west end of Stevedore Place. Further details will be available in due course.

View the traffic management plan for further information.

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

Attenuation pipe works at Tower Street are complete. Reinstatement of cobbles will be completed under localised traffic management.

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

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

We will be installing cantilevers onto the OLE poles as part of our out of hours work in the coming weeks.

Vehicles will be returning to Constitution Street in this section from w/c 14 November 2022.

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

The Queen Charlotte Street junction is open for east / west bound traffic.

The one remaining OLE base has been excavated adjacent to The Chop House to allow the required water and power diversions to take place. The water diversion has been completed. The power diversion will now be completed on Monday 7 November 2022. Properties affected by this have been notified directly. Once completed, the concrete base for the OLE will be poured, the OLE pole installed, and hard landscaping works will then commence.

The full Queen Charlotte Street junction will open to traffic from w/c 14 November 2022. This will allow vehicles to travel between Queen Charlotte Street and Coatfield Lane although there will be temporary traffic management arrangements (priority system) in place to accommodate the works at The Chop House.

### **Coatfield Lane to Foot of the Walk (FoTW)**

Works on the South Leith Parish Church (SLPC) wall are ongoing with scaffolding erected. There have been minor changes to pedestrian routes between Laurie Street and FoTW with a pedestrian walkway being moved on to the track on the west side of Constitution Street. Localised access to businesses on the east side of Constitution Street has been maintained.

In order to install the OLE poles onto the SLPC wall, Constitution Street will close to all vehicles from Laurie to the SLPC entrance. Entrance to SLPC and properties will be maintained. In addition, some remedial works will be undertaken on a section of concrete between the two track slabs.

### **Leith Walk**

With street lighting having been incorporated into the OLE poles in the central reservation, the project is now disconnecting and removing the existing lampposts along Leith Walk.

These works are progressing northbound.

Two-way traffic is scheduled to be in place for the full length of Leith Walk by w/c 19 December 2022.

### **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**

To further accommodate the progression of project works on Leith Walk and at Foot of the Walk, traffic management arrangements will be amended over the next two weekends. These arrangements are expected to be in place until December 2022.

Two-way traffic between Great Junction Street and Duke Street is scheduled to be in place by early December.

### **Manderston Street to Balfour Street**

Drainage and hard landscaping works are progressing on the east side of Leith Walk between 165 Leith Walk and Jameson Place.

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

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

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 carriageway 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.

Temporary loading / unloading provision is located on the central reservation on the east side of Leith Walk for businesses in the area.

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

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

The project is aware of an increased number of motorists making banned turns from Leith Walk into Brunswick Road bringing them in conflict with pedestrians.

In response, we have installed traffic management to obstruct the right-hand manoeuvre off Leith Walk and have put further signage in place.

Additionally, traffic signals at the junction will be reconfigured to introduce an all-stop phase while pedestrians are crossing to ensure there is no conflict with motorists. Temporary traffic lights will be installed from 28 October with permanent signals reconfiguration expected to be in place from week commencing 31 October.

Police Scotland has been monitoring this junction and has issued penalty notices to drivers who have been caught performing illegal manoeuvres. We will continue to monitor the situation and review when London Road reopens.

### Annandale Street to Picardy Place southbound road closure

In order to carry out surfacing works at the Leith Walk / London Road junction, the southbound carriageway from the Picardy Place turnback to Annandale Street, including the full junction at London Road, is closed. The Picardy Place turnback will remain operational throughout the duration of these works.

The London Road junction is scheduled to re-open over the weekend of 12/13 November 2022.

Please note that during these works the project's standard working hours will be extended on Saturdays and Sundays. Hours of work will be from 8am to 5pm.

There will be diversion signage installed in the local area to inform road users of the recommended route. The main diversion route for southbound cyclists will be Annandale Street, East London Street, Broughton Street, Albany Street, Abercromby Place.

There are two diversion routes for city bound. These are:

- Great Junction Street, Duke Street, Easter Road, Abbeyhill, Regent Road, Waterloo Place, Leith Street.
- Leith Walk, Pilrig Street, Bonnington Road, Broughton Road, Canonmills, Dundas Street, Queen Street.

Vehicles will also be able to head east via McDonald Road onto Brunswick Road. There will be three-way temporary traffic lights installed at the Brunswick Road / Easter Road junction and suspension of parking to facilitate traffic movement in the area. Details of Lothian Buses diversions will be listed on their website.

You can view details of the traffic management arrangements on the project website.

In addition, hard landscaping works will continue between Gayfield Square and Union Street with works moving in towards the building lines. Businesses in the area have been notified directly. These works are scheduled to be completed w/c 7 November 2022.

### Small Business Spotlight



You can view the full spotlight on the project website.

### Itison Update

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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