



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.

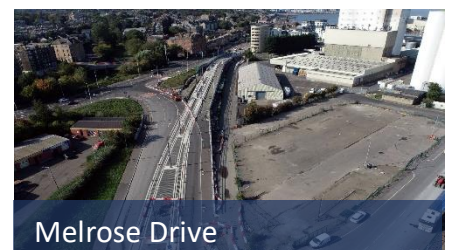
Please note there may be instances of emergency works being undertaken by utility providers on the route which are not project related.

Out of hours

There is a section on the project website that details planned out of hours working over the coming weeks.

In order to minimise disruption to wider traffic network along the route and to keep our workers safe, cable pulling through the newly installed underground ducting, and the installation of cantilevers and overhead cables needs to be carried out at night when the site is unoccupied.

The nightshift works on the Overhead Line Equipment are carried out by specialist teams. We will endeavour to minimise disruption as much as possible and to undertake the work as quickly as possible.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Drive



Stevedore Place



Leith Walk

Please note that these works are carried out on a rolling basis and that the timelines quotes relate to the whole section. This section of the website will be updated on a regular basis and promoted through the project's twitter account.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

We will be installing new street lights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper over the coming weeks.

Melrose Drive

There are scheduled traffic management changes to be implemented in the coming weeks. Further details will be available in due course.

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 at Ocean Terminal is available.

JC Decaux have installed bus shelters on both east and west sides of the street.

Permanent street lighting outside Ocean Terminal has also been installed.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

The installation of OLE poles in this section continues. Hard landscaping works have now commenced. On completion surfacing works will take place.

Stevedore 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. These works are now scheduled to from 25 November 2022.

Works to carry out the reinstatement of the west entrance to Stevedore Place are scheduled to start shortly.

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.

Please note, there is no right turn from Constitution Street onto Bernard Street. While works at Tower Street and Rennie's Isle continue, the temporary diversion route for traffic heading west is straight ahead via Constitution Street, right onto Queen Charlotte Street, continue on to Water Street, right onto Burgess Street, left onto The Shore, and right onto Sandport Place.

Temporary traffic management arrangements will be in place at the Royal Bank of Scotland corner w/c 21/11/22 for approximately five days.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Vehicles can now access this section, travelling in both directions. Tram stop fit out works continue.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

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

The OLE has now been installed adjacent to the Chop House.

There remains a small section of footway works to be completed between the Chop House and Destined for Homes. It had been hoped to have this completed by this weekend however the weather conditions has impeded progress. The road from Queen Charlotte Street up to the entrance of South Leith Parish Church is now open to vehicles under temporary traffic management measures.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of the Walk (FoTW)

Works on the South Leith Parish Church (SLPC) wall are ongoing with scaffolding erected. The first of the OLE poles has been installed on top of the wall.

With the opening of the Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane section to vehicles, Constitution Street has now closed to all vehicles from Laurie Street to the SLPC entrance. This is to allow further pole installation at the wall and for some remedial works to be undertaken on a section of concrete between the two track slabs.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. New street lighting in this section will be turned on over the coming weeks.

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

Works are progressing. Two way traffic across the foot of the walk junction is scheduled to be in place by early December 2022.

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 is closed 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 into 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 have been reconfigured to introduce an all-stop phase while pedestrians are crossing to ensure there is no conflict with motorists. 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.

York Place to London Road

The London Road junction has now reopened. Please note:

a) There is now no left turn from Leith Walk into London Road. Traffic coming from Leith Walk wishing to access London Road should do so by going via Picardy Place and then turn right onto London Road.

b) There is no right-hand turn from London Road onto Leith Walk. Traffic coming from London Road wishing to access Leith Walk should turn left and go via Picardy Place before heading straight onto Leith Walk.

Please note that the Picardy Place turn back will be closed from 21- 25 November 2022 to all traffic in order to undertake underground drainage connections. In addition, the site lines at 8 Picardy Place will be extend during this time to support these works which will reduce the carriageway to one lane.

Small Business Spotlight



Tell us a bit about your business.

Braid Vets opened in Edinburgh in 1967, and we've had a practice in Leith since 1984! Our Leith branch is a very busy small animal practice, and we look after all types of animals from snakes and lizards, to dogs and cats!

What makes your business unique?

Braid Vets Leith pride ourselves with providing an extremely high level of care for all your pets. We understand that your pets are one of the family, no matter the species. With this in mind, we have set up our exotics service. We are one of the only practices in Edinburgh able to see not only your dogs and cats but all other small animals, be it furry or scaly!

We also provide specialised services at Braid Vets Leith, including acupuncture!

All of our staff are fully qualified, meaning when your pet is brought to us, you can be sure they are receiving the highest level of care. Our reception team are awesome, and you will always be greeted with a smile (and handfuls of treats!) from these guys. Our animal care assistants have all been to college and completed courses in their field. Our nurses also fully qualified, and many have extra qualifications and certificates in numerous areas of nursing care. The vets at Braid work tirelessly to ensure your animals receive the best possible care. Many of our vets have keen interests in specific areas, and we will always try to pair your pet to the most appropriate vet for their needs

Describe your typical working day.

One of the best things about working at Braid Vets Leith, is that no two days are ever the same! We are lucky enough to see so many wonderful animals, each with their own unique personalities and requirements. Clients really only see a small amount of what is going on in the practice. As well as running consultations with vets and nurses throughout the day, behind the scenes we are performing operations and dental procedures, taking xrays, looking after sick and injured animals and running laboratory samples...just to name a few!

We are extremely lucky to have our Mayfield Road Hospital just up the road, meaning we can look after your pets 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if they need it.

Why Leith?

I think anyone who visits Leith would understand 'why Leith'. Leith is such diverse and multicultural area, with everyone from international students to long term "Leithers" residing in the area. Leith Walk is always a hive of activity, and I think many people would agree it's a great place to work and live!

Name fellow Leith businesses you love to visit.

We have to give a huge shoutout to our neighbours, Dofos. They really share our passion for animals, and are always super helpful with anything pet related that you may need.

We are also huge fans of Los Cardos. Nothing beats a huge burrito after a busy day!

Support for Businesses

A support for Business package, including Open for Business campaigns, a Business Continuity Fund, and a voucher scheme through Itison is available to businesses on the route. More information can be found on the project website.

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New itison vouchers are available for Leith Walk and Constitution Street businesses. Check out the participating businesses and get the vouchers to redeem them before they sell out again. Don't forget to redeem the vouchers, businesses on the route are waiting for you.