



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Testing and Commissioning continues along the route.

A specific date for revenue services beginning will be confirmed as testing and commissioning progresses.



Localised work sites

Localised works continue on carriage and footways along the route to allow the installation of new signs, lining, street lighting, planters, landscaping, street furniture and traffic signaling. Old wall-mounted street lighting brackets will also be removed as part of this workstream.

Works are ongoing on the installation of grasscrete at certain areas on the route. This requires localised, rolling traffic management arrangements to be in place while these works are carried out.

Traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the project's communication channels.

Construction Updates

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Soft and hard landscaping works are ongoing within this section. In addition, we will be installing new streetlights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper w/c 10 April 2023. Temporary traffic management and pedestrian diversions are now in place to accommodate these works. [Further details can be found on the project website.](#) In order to complete lining works on Lindsay Road we will be installing rolling temporary traffic management arrangements in four phases from Monday 17 April 2023 with arrangements expected to remain in place for five days.

Melrose Drive

Hard landscaping and surfacing works continue in this section.

In addition, the lower link road between Melrose drive and Sandpiper Drive beside Forth Ports docks will close to pedestrians from w/c 17 April 2023. Pedestrians will be diverted to the newly constructed footway on Lindsay Road. This is to accommodate final hard landscaping works in the area.

[View the final landscaping plans on the project website.](#)

Ocean Terminal

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

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

The bridges on Ocean Drive have reopened to pedestrians and vehicles. Localised traffic management will be required in the next few weeks to allow the removal of pontoons that were installed to facilitate bridge works.

Stevedore Place

There are ongoing surfacing, lining, and landscaping works including the area outside the old Casino and to the front of the Fingal carpark. In addition, there are outstanding works scheduled to take place at the west entrance of Stevedore Place.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Please note, the ban on the right hand turn from Constitution Street into Bernard Street has been reintroduced.

Bernard / Baltic Street

The creation of the new kerb lines and reinstatement works has been ongoing within the established site. In order to complete works on the existing footway we will be required to make changes to our site working arrangements which will see fence lines and works moving towards properties.

Pedestrian diversions will be in place with access to shops, hospitality and leisure units being maintained for members of the public, residents, and local shop owners.

These works are scheduled to start w/c 17 April 2023 and will take approximately four weeks to complete. [Read more about the hard landscaping works on Bernard Street.](#)

Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Landscaping works at the front of New Kirkgate house continue.

Please note that as part of the final designs, the section from the Foot of the Walk to the entrance of South Leith Parish Church will be tram and pedestrian only.



Leith Walk

There are ongoing remedial works on the track slab on Leith Walk. Temporary traffic management arrangements will be in place.

Cycle Lane

Reinstatement and lining works on the cycleway and footpaths are ongoing which requires the establishment of small localised work sites.

To accommodate these works, please note cycleways on Leith Walk are closed in both directions and [diversion routes remain in place](#).

The continuous footways at Jameson Place and Smith's Place are now complete and are open. There will be further works at the junctions of Crown Place, Crown Street and the entrance to the NHS building at 165 Leith Walk over the coming month.



Jameson Place to Pilrig Street

The remedial works at Dalmeny Street are now completed and the junction has re-opened to traffic. Please note, as part of changes to the Highway Code, pedestrians have priority when crossing at this junction.

Public realm works at Iona Street started this week to allow the installation of the Pilrig Wheels, benches, planters and bike racks. Works are expected to last four to six weeks. [Read more about the installation of the Pilrig Wheels on the project website](#).

We will be undertaking remedial works on the track slab from Tuesday 11 April for approximately seven days in the section between Picardy Place and Balfour Street. Traffic flows will be maintained via the track slab and pedestrian access remains unaffected. Please note that this will require weekend working over 15 and 16 April.

Pilrig Street to Annandale/Montgomery Street

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

Due to ongoing Scottish Water works which are not related to the project, Albert Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk.

Drainage and hard landscaping works are ongoing at Montgomery Street. Once completed, the heras fencing will be removed.

York Place to London Road

There will be upcoming traffic management changes implemented in the Picardy Place section of works. Further information is expected in the coming week.

Hard landscaping works are progressing at Blenheim Place. From Monday 17 April and for approximately four to six weeks, fence lines at Blenheim Place will move towards the property line to progress works on the existing footway. Pedestrian diversions will be in place and access to businesses will be maintained. Businesses currently occupying the footway will have to remove any arrangements in place including tables and chairs. On completion of these works fence lines will be removed.

Hard landscaping works at Elm Row are ongoing.

North Bridge

North Bridge is expected to re-open to two-way traffic on Saturday 21 April 2023. [Further information can be found on the City of Edinburgh Council's website.](#)

Community Benefits

This Easter our contractors SFN supported local community groups with Easter programs by donating around 400 Easter eggs to local community initiatives such as Steps to Hope, The Citadel Youth Centre and CLASP project.

[Read more about this initiative on the project website.](#)

Small Business Spotlight



Tell us a bit about your business

After being made redundant I decided to completely change career... and opened Destined For Home five years ago. I sell unique gifts and home interiors.

What makes your business unique?

The UK has a wealth of quality goods, some products are recycled or sourced ethically. I hand pick quality products that are made in UK that hopefully you haven't seen elsewhere. I know each producer/supplier and everything about their product. When I buy from other small businesses it helps their small business to continue in these strange times. You also get to meet our shop dog (and get a free cuddle!)

Describe your typical working day

I take pride in where my shop is and local community so the very first job of the day is sweep and wash the pavement outside the shop, then put out bench and planters, wash the windows and dust (there's a lot of dust), speak to customers provide advise about the products they are looking at or buying, every product is gift wrapped for free. I also provide information about the local area – sometimes I feel I should have a Tourist Information sign outside.

Why Leith?

My family were Leithers so we were always in Leith, I've always loved it, it pulls me back – it's where I had my 21st birthday and wedding! I lived and worked in Leith since the 90's so it's the only place I wanted to start my business.

Name three fellow Leith Businesses you love to visit

Leith Depot, The Hideout and Petals on the Shore.