



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates



Daytime testing and commissioning period has started.

Testing and Commissioning continues along the route alongside driver familiarisation. Testing the full timetable (trams running every 7 minutes) will begin in the coming weeks.

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



Contacting the project

Please note that from Wednesday 3 May 2023, phone calls to the project will now be handled by the Council's contact Centre. Please use 0131 200 2000 (option 9) if you wish to contact the project by phone.

Localised worksites

Localised works continue on carriage and footways along the route to allow the installation of new signs, lining (including non-signalised crossings), street lighting, planters, landscaping, street furniture and traffic signalling. Old wall-mounted street lighting brackets will also be removed as part of this workstream. Traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the project's communication channels.

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Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Soft and hard landscaping works are ongoing within this section. In addition, we have been installing new streetlights between Hawthornvale and Sandpiper. Temporary traffic management and pedestrian diversions are now in place to accommodate these works. [Further details can be found on the project website.](#)

Works at the junction at Newhaven for access to ASDA are ongoing.

Please note the bus stop at Newhaven will temporarily close on Thursday 4 May 2023 for an expected duration of one day. A temporary bus stop will be in place at Fishmarket. This bus stop at Newhaven will have to temporarily close again to complete final hard landscaping works which will be communicated in due course via the project's communication channels.

Vehicle access from Lindsay Road to Melrose Drive has re-opened to eastbound traffic only.

Westbound traffic from Ocean Terminal (south) remains closed but is scheduled to reopen to vehicles week ending 5 May 2023.

[You can view the final designs for the project here.](#)#

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 closed to pedestrians from w/c 17 April 2023 with a diversion in place via the newly constructed footway on Lindsay Road. This is to accommodate final hard landscaping works in the area. We are currently working to complete the newly constructed footway that runs parallel to the tram tracks on Lindsay Road and this is scheduled to open w/c 1 May 2023.

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

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping continues on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn. This is expected to be completed and reopen to the public mid-May 2023.

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 and are progressing well.

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 are 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 expected to be completed in the week ending 5 May 2023. Outstanding in this area will be the planting of five trees and the creation of a bin store to the west of the bus stop.

Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Landscaping works at the front of New Kirkgate house continue with hard landscaping and surfacing works scheduled to commence from Monday 8 May 2023. 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.

There will be further works at the junction the entrance to the NHS building at 165 Leith Walk over the coming weeks.



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 are progressing well at Iona Street and will 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.](#)

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 complete at Montgomery Street with surfacing works scheduled to commence w/c 1 May 2023. Once completed, the heras fencing will be removed. The Logistic Hub provision will be removed from Friday 5 May 2023.

York Place to London Road

Hard landscaping works are progressing well at Blenheim Place. Fence lines have moved 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. In order to progress project works on Elm Row there were changes to pedestrian arrangements from Monday 24 April 2023. Access to properties is maintained.

[More information on the hard landscaping works at Elm Row is available on the project website.](#)

North Bridge

North Bridge has re-opened to two-way traffic.

Small Business Spotlight



Tell us a bit about your business

Afreen Fashion & Beauty has been open as a threading/beauty salon for 11 years and it has built up a loyal client base through hard work on our part and recommendations from our customers.

We specialise in eyebrow threading treatments. We are also fully qualified in body waxing, Intimate waxing, eyelash extensions, IPL/laser hair removal as well as advanced facials including dermaplaning, micro-needling and chemical peels.

What makes your business unique?

What makes us different from a lot of beauty salons is our customer service and care, we still have some of the same customers from when we first opened and it is more like a big family unit. We know most of our customers personally and ask about them, their friends and families. Some customers just pop in for a chat when they are passing by the salon. Our elderly customers have our phone numbers and are encouraged to contact us if they need anything or just want a chat.

We are also an award winning salon with 2019 -2020 being our most successful year with four national awards:

- Threading Specialists of the Year (Asian Beauty Industry Awards)
- Threading Experts of the Year (Scottish Nails Brows Lashes Awards)
- Beauty Salon of the Year (Scottish Enterprise Awards)
- SME Business of the Year (Scottish Asian Business Awards)

Describe your typical working day

Our day typically starts with ensuring the salon is clean and hygienic and ready to take clients.

As we are a walk in service we are never sure what client or treatment will come through the door but we are always smiling and customer focused.

Why Leith?

We are located in the middle of the lovely community of Leith. Even though we are a few miles from the city centre it's feels like a little village and the locals look out for each other.

We also live locally and love the feel and vibrancy of Leith. It is very multicultural and welcoming.

We ourselves are a small local business and always look to support other small businesses and our local community, this may be just a simple smile to buying groceries for some of our less well-off residents within the community.

Name three fellow Leith Businesses you love to visit

Carolyn Designer Florist.