



Trams to
Newhaven



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Trams from Picardy Place to Newhaven are now open to the public. The first tram carrying passengers left Picardy Place at 12pm on Wednesday 7 June 2023.

[You can read further information on this on the project's website.](#)

[You can view the full timetable on Edinburgh Trams website](#) and follow them on [twitter](#) for service updates.

Please do not respond to this email. Any email queries should be directed to newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk

Contacting the Project

Please note phone calls to the project are now being handled by Edinburgh Trams.

[Details of how to contact them can be found on their website.](#)

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 signalling.

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

Essential operator maintenance works may require to be undertaken out with the standard timetable running of the trams.

Construction Updates

Newhaven to Leith Walk

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Soft and hard landscaping works are ongoing within this section.

The bus stop at Newhaven remains closed temporarily to accommodate final hard landscaping works. A temporary bus stop is in place at Fishmarket.



Melrose Drive

Hard landscaping and surfacing works continue in this section.

The lower link road between Melrose Drive and Sandpiper Drive beside Forth Ports docks is closed to pedestrians with a diversion in place via the newly constructed footway on Lindsay Road. This is to accommodate project works in the area.

Ocean Terminal

There are small sections of hard landscaping continuing in this area. Heras fencing outside the new Cala development has been removed.

Stevedore Place

There are outstanding landscaping works in the area.

In addition, there are outstanding works scheduled to take place at the west entrance of Stevedore Place.

Recently reported dog-fouling in the area has been reported to the City of Edinburgh Council for investigation.



Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Please note under the new traffic management arrangements vehicles cannot turn right from Constitution Street into Bernard Street .

Bernard / Baltic Street

Final surfacing works on the carriageway are completed as is the repair to the manhole cover.

Outstanding works include the planting of five trees, the installation of street furniture, 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 are ongoing. Please note the section from the foot of the walk to the entrance of South Leith Parish Church is tram and pedestrian only.

Leith Walk

There are ongoing remedial works on the track slab, footways, and carriageway on Leith Walk. Temporary traffic management arrangements will be in place where required.

Cycle Lane

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

To accommodate these works, please note cycleways on Leith Walk remain closed in both directions with diversion routes in place.

Foot of the Walk to Pilrig Street

Construction and lining works at the Jane Street junction with Leith Walk are completed. There is a small amount of remedial paving works to be undertaken. Once completed Jane Street will open to traffic one-way turning left off Leith Walk.

[The Pilrig Wheels were installed on Thursday 25 May 2023 at Iona Street.](#) An information board will be installed over the coming weeks.



Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street / Elm Row

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.

Hard landscaping works at Elm Row are continuing.

London Road to York Place

Hard landscaping works are progressing at Blenheim Place. Fence lines have moved towards the properties 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.

Opening Day in Pictures




Clockwise from top: Council Leader Cammy Day officially launches the Trams to Newhaven project with children from schools in the vicinity, Hannah Ross, the project's Senior Responsible Officer, and Lea Harrison, Managing Director of Edinburgh Trams; Pupils from Pilrig Park Primary School and their deputy-head Keith joined us on the day; the Leith Constables were on hand to welcome the first tram as it crossed the historical boundary between Edinburgh and Leith; and the first tram leaves the Picardy Place at 12pm midday on 7 June 2023.

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