



# Trams to Newhaven

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## PROJECT UPDATE

The project has now entered the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) stage ahead of construction in Winter 2019/20

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## SUPPORTING BUSINESS

Find out more about how we will support business throughout the works, including the introduction of cargo bikes to Leith

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## CURRENT WORKS

Pre-enabling works have commenced, with site surveys being carried out at multiple locations along the route

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# PROJECT UPDATE

## Early Contractor Involvement

With approval granted to proceed with completing the original Line 1a to Newhaven, a six-month Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) period has started.

This involves the two contractors (Sacyr, Farrans, Neopul Joint Venture (SFN) for the Infrastructure and Systems Contract and Morrison Utility Services Ltd (MUS) for the Swept Path Contract) working closely with the Council to finalise plans for construction.

Throughout ECI, members of the SFN team will be out meeting residents and businesses in the coming months to discuss how they plan to construct the line, including provision for temporary traffic management. If you have any questions you want to ask, or would like to request a visit, please contact the the team via email: [newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk)







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# **SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS**

**THE PROJECT WILL FUND A SERIES OF MEASURES IN EXCESS OF £2m**

The Council and the project's contractors have committed over £2m of funding to support local business via a series of measures intended to maintain the accessibility, vibrancy and desirability of the affected streets. The primary aim is to provide support to the diverse range of independent businesses along the route.

## **TRADER SURVEY**

To help us better understand what "business as usual" looks like and to allow us to effectively plan and scale each of proposed measures, we are carrying out a survey of all businesses. You can read more about the survey on our website and complete it by following this link: [Trader Survey](#)

## **SUPPORT MEASURES IN DEVELOPMENT**

- ❖ **Logistics Hubs to help with deliveries**
- ❖ **On-street customer service team**
- ❖ **Dedicated business support team**
- ❖ **Creative open for business campaign**
- ❖ **Council funded in-store discounts**
- ❖ **Cargo bike hire**
- ❖ **Local transport hubs**
- ❖ **Community fund**
- ❖ **Business continuity fund**

More details on each of these measures can be found on the project website:

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/tramstonewhaven](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/tramstonewhaven)

# CARGO BIKES FOR LEITH

**The Council is currently working with Sustrans to introduce cargo bikes to Leith Walk as part of the project's Support for Business (SfB) scheme.**

It is envisaged that a number of cargo bikes will be made available to local businesses during the tram works, allowing them to make use of them to service deliveries to customers and move goods around. The team are still finalising the details of exact locations of cargo bikes along the route.

While the scheme has arisen as a response to potential disruption caused by the tram works, there is also a broader motivation for trialling this form of transport in the city. With a commitment to reach net carbon zero by 2035, the city will need to find new ways of managing deliveries currently made by vans and other vehicles.



Cargo bikes could potentially form an important part of logistics management across the city in the future and the tram project presents a valuable opportunity to test demand and finesse approach ahead of any wider roll out.

To allow the Council and Sustrans to properly plan for the introduction of cargo bikes, an online survey of local businesses began this week and will continue to the end of July and we would be grateful if as many businesses as possible took the time to complete this. You can find the survey by clicking on the cargo bike below.





# CURRENT WORKS: GROUND INVESTIGATION

Ground and site investigation commenced in late May 2019. These essential pre-enabling works by the tram project's systems and infrastructure contractor Sacyr, Farrans, Neopul involve carrying out detailed investigation works at 25 separate sites.

The works are being carried out in sections of approximately 100 metres at a time are scheduled to complete in mid-July 2019. Aside from the one-way system we put in place on Constitution Street in early June, all other works will be carried out without the need for temporary traffic lights. Those directly affected by the works will receive notification via letter two weeks before works commence.



You can find out more about when the works will take place by visiting our [website](#). Further details on what the traffic management will look like in your local area can be found by downloading the relevant local area map. If you have any questions regarding the current GI works, you can contact the team via the email link below. Alternatively, you can call 0131 200 2000 between the hours of 8am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS,  
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