



Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 14 February 2020



The Trams to Newhaven project is scheduled to be completed and carry passengers by Spring 2023.

In this edition find out more about the upcoming plans and activities for the next two weeks.

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February 2020 works overview

Leith Walk

Leith Walk enabling works will continue with the creation of the city-bound running lane. A phased approach is being taken in order to minimise disruption to residents and businesses.

Main construction works will start on Leith Walk on 28 March 2020. A notification letter detailing these works will be issued to local residents and businesses during February.

Constitution Street

Morrison Utility Services are making good progress on Constitution Street, excavating the road to allow for utility diversions. Additional weekend working will be taking place between Baltic Street and Constitution Place to accelerate works. The hours will be Saturday from 8am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm.

Work is continuing on the South Leith Parish Church wall, working closely with archaeological experts. Over 60 % of the wall has now been removed. The team will be working additional hours over the coming weekends to dismantle the scaffolding. The hours will be Saturday from 8am to 4pm and Sunday from 9am to 4pm.

Investigation works (trial holes) at different locations on the footpaths along Constitution Street will continue over the coming weeks. These are being carried out to assist with the site investigations (SI) and to confirm locations of overhead line equipment (OLE). Pedestrian diversions will be in place to accommodate access for all.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Construction works will start from Newhaven to Melrose Drive on 6 March 2020. From this date fencing will be erected in order to establish the construction site which will take approximately two weeks. All parking and loading on Lindsay Road, Melrose Drive and North Leith Sands will be suspended.

You can view the traffic management plans on the [project website](#).

Ocean Drive and Ocean Terminal

Construction works will start on Ocean Drive on 13 March 2020. From this date fencing will be erected in order to establish the construction site which will take approximately two weeks. All parking and loading on Ocean Drive and Ocean Way will be suspended.

Please note Ocean Terminal will remain open as usual and access to the car parks will be maintained

A notification letter detailing the upcoming works at these locations has been issued to local residents.

You can view the traffic management plans on the [project website](#).

General Updates

Investigation works will take place across the route to provide more detail on ground conditions, which will help inform final designs. At times this will require the installation of traffic management and may impact on parking around the area of works. .

Normal construction site working hours are Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm.

Should you experience difficulties or have any further enquiries in relation to the works being conducted then please do not hesitate to contact the Stakeholder & Communications Team on 0131 3 22 11 22 or email at: Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk. Alternatively the [project website](#) contains a lot of information on the project.



Logistics Hubs

The Mitchell Street logistics hub continues to operate Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 3pm.

A cargo bike is situated at the hub and since it has been introduced it has covered over 20km while moving deliveries from the hub to local businesses.

The Logistics officers are happy to have a chat at any time so please feel free to call down.

We also have two roaming logistics officers on Leith Walk to aid with deliveries prior to the main works starting in March 2020.

An information leaflet on the Leith Walk logistics hubs, which will be situated on Montgomery Street, Albert Street, Dalmeny Street and at the Foot of the Walk, will be distributed to Leith Walk businesses ahead of the main works starting.



South Leith Parish Wall and Project Archaeology

The dismantling of the graveyard wall has gathered pace to an extent that we are now moving into the next phase which is starting the piling to allow for the excavation of burials in late Spring.

The memorials on the inner face of the wall are being removed and protected so that they can be reinstated when the wall is re-built as part of the project.

We will be giving the local community the opportunity to catch a glimpse of the past life of Leith by getting hands on experience with artefacts uncovered during the project.

As the project progresses we will be looking to establish a finds processing station where members of the local community can help the archaeologist in processing and cleaning the finds.

Further information will be available soon.

Support for Business update

The logo for 'itison' is displayed in white lowercase letters on a bright pink square background.

Many thanks to everyone who has purchased vouchers through [itison](#) as part of the Support for Business package currently operating on Constitution Street, Bernard Street, Assembly Street and Queen Charlotte Street.

There are still vouchers available for some participating businesses, so head over to the website and get yours today.

A number of vouchers have also yet to be redeemed. Remember, vouchers sold will be valid until 31 March 2020, so make sure you spend them before then.

A wider scheme involving Leith Walk businesses will launch later in Spring 2020.



Project Office Move

The Project Team has moved and are now located in porta cabin offices at 165 Leith Walk. We will be here for the duration of the project.



Sub contractor

Our subcontractor Ollie from MWG stopped work this morning to assist a local business on Leith Walk with their deliveries. Alejandro, SFN's Project Director, presented Ollie with a new hi-vis jacket as a thank you for being mindful and considerate to the local community during the works.

Meet the team:

Ethan Reid

Apprentice Engineer

**Morrison Utility
Services**



Born: Dundee in 2001
Current City: Perth, Scotland
Favourite team: Glasgow Celtic

Tell us a little about yourself...

I was born in Dundee but moved to Perth when I was younger and have lived there since.

My main passion is football and I used to play regularly for Scone Thistle in Perth. I am a season ticket holder for Celtic.

Tell us about your career history

I left school in S5 and started a full time apprenticeship in the industry. Following this I decided to go to college and I am studying civil engineering 2 days a week at Fife College to gain an HNC. The course consists of the fundamentals of all aspects of civil engineering.

What parts of your job do you enjoy the most?

I have been on the project for seven weeks and the best bit for me has been getting out on site and gaining site experience as I learn best when I am actually doing a task.

What is your role on the project?

My role is an apprentice engineer for Morrison Utility Services (MUS), the Swept Path Contractor. I shadow the engineers and the design team to gain further civil engineering knowledge to support my college course. From listening in to everything I can and then questioning anything I don't understand, I am getting a real insight into the industry which will stand me in good stead for getting a permanent job once my apprenticeship is finished. I also have to produce a high standard of work on any jobs I am given on site

What part of the project are you most looking forward to?

I am looking forward to this summer because that is when a lot of

the engineering will really kick in and I will learn the most. I am also looking forward to doing my part to try and solve any problems that arise during the course of the project. It is great experience for me to be part of a project this size.

Find out more and get in touch



For further information on the project please visit our website where you can find a range of FAQs. Alternatively, you can contact us via email or by telephone on 0131 322 1122. We're available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

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