



# Trams to Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 09 April 2020



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

This edition advises on the status of the Trams to Newhaven project due to COVID-19.



## Shut Down Plans Overview

Construction on Edinburgh's Trams to Newhaven project is on hold to protect the safety of workers and residents during the current Coronavirus outbreak.

Both contractors, SFN and MUS, have made sites on Leith Walk, Constitution Street, Lindsay Road and Ocean Drive safe. Members from SFN, MUS and Turner & Townsend inspect the site daily to undertake maintenance and ensure the site is safe and secure. These inspections include fenced-off worksites, traffic management signage, diversion routes, logistics hubs and the main compound and satellite offices

Emergency services have access to all sites at all times in the event they require it.

Work on the project which can be done remotely is continuing. This work includes:

- Continuing to keep people informed of what we are doing
- Planning and scheduling
- Preparation of traffic regulation order drawings
- Progressing developed designs including the landscaping and utility diversions
- Developing our construction re-mobilisation strategy
- Preparation of planning applications
- Progressing Foot of the walk to Ocean Terminal cycle way design
- Progressing the tender documents for London Road roundabout clock and bronze pigeons.

The existing traffic management on Constitution Street, Lindsay Road and Ocean Drive remains in place. This ensures that the work sites remain safe and secure for the protection of the public,

Please refer to the [project's website](#) for updated FAQs.

The project's contact centre remains operational for any queries. Please note the hours for the Easter weekend are:

- Friday 10 April: 9am - 6pm
- Saturday 11 April: 8am - 8pm
- Sunday 12 April: 9am - 6pm
- Monday 13 April: 9am to 6pm



### Monitoring during construction works

During the construction works we are required to monitor noise and vibration levels. In order to achieve this there have been six noise and vibration monitoring systems installed across the route to ensure that we are monitoring any associated noise and that we do not exceed the agreed limits.

## Bus Diversions

Please check the [Lothian Buses website](#) or Transport for Edinburgh App for details of bus services.

## Support for Business update



Please note that Constitution Street Itison Vouchers that are due to expire on 31 March 2020 have been extended until 30 November 2020. Itison will be writing to people individually who still have vouchers to redeem to confirm this.

As a result of the Coronavirus the sale of further vouchers for Constitution Street is currently on hold as is the planned voucher scheme for Leith Walk.

Further announcements on this will be made in due course.

## Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council Advice

Please follow the guidelines that the Scottish Government have issued which [you can read here](#) and please be safe.

Please find below some links from the City of Edinburgh Council's website that you may find useful.

[Our latest guidance for businesses](#)  
[Childcare arrangements for key workers](#)  
[Homelessness services](#)  
[Parks and Greenspaces guidance](#)  
[Council Tax and Benefits phone services](#)



## Volunteer Edinburgh

Volunteer Edinburgh also has a dedicated [webpage](#) which provides advice on how to help during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



**From everyone at the project, please enjoy a safe and happy Easter**



## 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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