

Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 22 May 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 during COVID 19.



Construction Works Shut Down

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

The project continues to follow guidance from the Scottish Government as to when the project can recommence, and we will provide further updates via the project website, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts, and this newsletter.

The project has been working on plans to ensure we fully comply with Scottish Government guidance when the project recommences and on way of mitigating the impact of the enforced shut down on programme and costs. In addition, we are reviewing the site set up to identify ways of assisting with social / physical distancing.

The existing traffic management on Constitution Street, Lindsay Road and Ocean Drive remains in place.

The construction sites are inspected daily to ensure they are safe and secure and emergency services have access to all sites at all times in the event they require it.

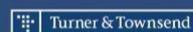
Our contact centre remains operational for any queries.

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



Support for Business

We held discussions with the [Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce](#) about what support was available to businesses during the current COVID 19 pandemic. The Chamber pulled together some useful information and [you can view details on the project website.](#)



Bus Services

Lothian Buses changed their timetable on 18 May 2020. Please check [their website](#) or Transport for Edinburgh App for details of bus services and timetables.





Recent essential gas and BT maintenance works

Morrison Utility Services (MUS) recently completed some essential gas maintenance works on Constitution Street.

Works are still ongoing on Constitution Street from Baltic Street Junction to Tower Street to install ducting to support BT Openreach to protect and maintain their digital network. BT Openreach will have a presence on site for the following six weeks.

The project is committed to keeping our workforce and the public safe and to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID 19 virus. Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including visers, and regular safety briefings are given to workers. We will be continuously monitoring working practices.

The works will be carried out during the normal working hours for the project which are 7am – 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 1pm on Saturdays.



Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week 2020 which is organised by the Mental Health Foundation. We used this as an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of mental health with colleagues.

Mental resilience is something that is currently more challenging than ever. This year the campaign's key message is focused around *kindness* and we shared this really useful [video](#) with the project team.

[Find out more on the campaign's website.](#)

Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council Advice

The City of Edinburgh Council has a [page giving details on latest on COVID 19 and any impact on services.](#)

Please follow the guidelines that the Scottish Government have

issued on COVID 19 which [you can read here](#) and be safe.



Useful Links

[Spokes](#) has a dedicated [webpage](#) with list of local shops and organisations with schemes to help key workers who are needing a bike or bike repair during COVID-19.

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

The Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership is responsible for community-based health and social care services in Edinburgh and has useful information on their [website](#) to keep you informed during the outbreak.



Project Fundraiser Event

Our project team continues their mission to fund raise for [Hearts & Minds](#), a registered Scottish Arts and Health charity based in Edinburgh, who support vulnerable people to overcome feelings of powerlessness, anxiety and isolation through the art of therapeutic clowning. The delivery of clown therapy sessions spreads joy, laughter and smiles at times when it is needed most. Through the powers of technology, they are continuing to work with the families and supporting them with their Clowndocor on-call virtual service.

[You can read more about our story](#) and how we are raising funds for this important service.



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From everyone at the project we would like to say thank you to the emergency services, frontline workers and our own key staff on the project during this time. Here is some of our project team showing their appreciation.

Stay Safe, Stay Home and Protect our NHS.



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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