



Trams to
Newhaven



Project Newsletter: 19 June 2020



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

This edition advises on the start of main construction works on Leith Walk for the Trams to Newhaven project.



Main works to commence on Leith Walk

Construction update

[Construction work will begin on Leith Walk on 22 June 2020](#) with [traffic management](#) in place from 5.00am Saturday 20 June 2020.

This will see the establishment of the construction site from London Road to Crown Place. [Details of Lothian Bus diversions are available on their website.](#) Please remember it will take a number of weeks for the Leith Walk site to become fully operational.

This construction re-start follows updated advice from the Scottish Government which allows all construction sites to re-open as long as works can be carried out in line with physical distancing guidelines. Following the First Minister's announcement yesterday (Thursday 18 June), we are now in Phase 3 of the Scottish Government's phased approach to construction which states: *steady state operation (only where physical distancing can be maintained)*. While physical distancing remains the key principle informing our working on site, workers also have enhanced personal protection equipment (PPE).

Works on Lindsay Road, Ocean Drive and Constitution Street started on 15 June 2020 and good progress is being made in these

areas.

Works have commenced on the city-bound traffic lane on Leith Walk which includes double yellow lines (No Parking or Waiting at any time), so please do not park your vehicle in this lane.

In order to allow for physical distancing, pedestrian footways across the route will be widened where it is safe to do so. There are several sections of the footway where this will not be possible due to open excavations and/or uneven surfacing. To address this, we will be installing suggested one-way systems on several sections and will also be introducing passing places where possible. We are continuing to review our working areas and liaising with council colleagues to ensure that we implement best practice but in the meantime in areas where space is restricted, as in other parts of the city, we would ask that people consider other pedestrians and give them space, stay alert especially if you are using your phone or wearing headphones, and keep left if possible and pass on the right.



Logistics Hubs

The [logistics hubs](#) on Mitchell Street, Foot of the Walk, Dalmeny Street, Albert Street and Montgomery Street will be operational from Monday 22 June 2020. Logistic officers will be working within the physical distancing guidelines outlined by the Scottish Government. The logistic hubs are there to help businesses with deliveries and dispatches but any resident on the construction route that is expecting a bulky delivery should contact the logistic hub who will be able to help. Logistic Officers will be present on Saturday 20 June 2020 should any businesses require assistance.



Historical artefacts uncovered

Since work started last year a number of archaeological artefacts have been discovered. You can [read more about the finds](#) on the project website and [read an article on the Edinburgh Evening News website](#) where the city archaeologist give further insight into the works being undertaken.



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