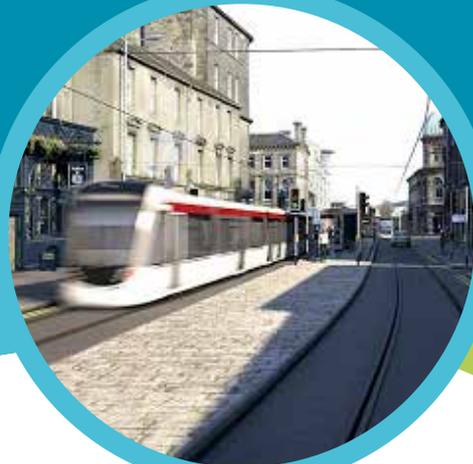


Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Update

Leith Walk

Site investigation, excavation works and surface water drainage install are continuing from London Road to Crown Street.

Additional working hours

Works will take place from 1pm to 7pm on Saturday for the month of August between London Road and Annandale Street junctions. The works will consist of bulk excavation and the removal of materials from access gates onto London Road from Leith Walk. Normal construction Saturday hours are from 8am to 1pm.

Parking

All parking and loading provisions are suspended on Constitution Street and between Foot of the Walk to London Road with no street parking or loading facilities available on the running lane on Leith Walk. Short-term waiting areas are available in two areas on Leith Walk to facilitate access to businesses and local properties, they will be located in the vicinity of Pilrig Street and Crown Street. These waiting areas are short stay only for 60 minutes.

Baltic Street

Traffic has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights at the junction of Baltic Street / Bernard Street to accommodate utility works.

Queen Charlotte Street / Constitution Street

There are temporary traffic lights at Queen Charlotte Street / Constitution Street junction to accommodate utility works.



Leith Walk



Pilrig waiting area



Constitution Street

KPI Dashboards

You can download the following on our website:

- Route Progress Maps
- Health & Safety Dashboards
- Communications & Stakeholder Dashboards

Newhaven Tram Stop Design

Following previous consultations, the position of the tram stop at Newhaven has moved further east of the previously approved position and will include a stabling area. This has been submitted to City of Edinburgh Council Planning for approval. View the updated design plans on our website.



Further Construction Updates



Additional out of hours works

Out of hours works are scheduled to take place on Monday 7 September and Tuesday 8 September from 7pm to 7am at Ocean Terminal North Roundabout. These works are required to carry out enabling works, which will allow the installation of a new temporary junction. This will provide improved traffic flows in and around Ocean Drive and the blue car park at Ocean Terminal. Normal construction hours are 7am to 7pm and Saturday hours are from 8am to 1pm

Brunswick Road crossing

The pedestrian crossing at Brunswick Road will move slightly further up Brunswick Road to facilitate utility works for approx. 1 week from Monday 31 August, please follow footpath diversions. To facilitate the movement of the crossing, parking will be restricted in 4 of the permit/pay & display parking bays. Advanced notice and no parking cones will be in place from Sunday 27 August.

62 to 68 Leith Walk

We will be closing access to the lane between 62 and 68 Leith Walk. As part of the traffic management arrangements for the project this was due to shut when the site was set up at the end of June however we had been able to maintain access for a period. As works will now be commencing in this area access from Leith Walk will be closed to the lane between 62 and 68 Leith Walk, as planned from the 7 September. However, vehicle access will still remain via our diversion route which is Casselbank Street. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Brunswick Street

Brunswick Street will be closed at its junction with Leith from Thursday 27 August to accommodate utility works. This will remain closed for one week. Local access will be maintained via Montgomery Street.

Community Benefits



We have installed a new pedestrian access ramp in the grounds of South Leith Parish Church. This was greatly received by Reverend May who advised that it has enabled easy access to members who have mobility difficulties and has also been appreciated by the wider community as it allows the many folks who come through the church yard easier access.

Further information on Community Benefit initiatives can be found on our website,

Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The TRO was issued to statutory consultees on 28 July for a period of 28 days and is available to view on the website. Statutory consultees include Edinburgh Trams, Living Streets, Lothian Buses and Emergency Services. Please note these show traffic and waiting orders and include parking areas, banned turns and one ways. The detailed final design is being developed. Following the statutory consultee period they will then be formally published to the public for review and comment.

Community Engagement Boards

We have installed further community engagement boards along the route which contain useful information on the project.



McDonald Road to remain closed



McDonald Road / Leith Walk junction has been shut for the last six weeks to accommodate utility diversions as part of the construction programme. These planned works were based on documents given to the project that detailed the locations of utilities in the area. This junction had been scheduled to re-open on Saturday 22 August 2020.

However, following excavations of the road we have identified the need for additional electrical utility works to take place.

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times and Pilrig Street will remain open to help traffic flow in the area. Vehicle access to McDonald Road will remain via Bonnington Road.

There will be minor adjustments to the fence line on Leith Walk at McDonald Road from Monday 31 August for 2 weeks to accommodate utility works on the footpath. We have engaged with Living Streets and Spokes to advise them of these changes and advanced warning signs have been put in place.

Archaeology Update

Each week, we publish an archaeology vlog on our YouTube channel, discussing the latest finds exposed through the project.

In this weeks vlog our resident archaeologist John is joined by Laura as they discuss a peculiar burial. This one is interesting as it is not following the normal burial practices that we have seen so far.

Visit the Trams to Newhaven YouTube channel to watch the full video.



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