

Project Newsletter



Construction Update



Leith Walk

Backfilling has been ongoing between London Road and Annandale Street in preparation for main tram infrastructure works to begin.

Annandale Street to McDonald Road

The section of works has been handed back to our Infrastructure & Systems Contractor, SFN, who will commence the main tram infrastructure works which will start with the install of drainage and ducting.

Pilrig Street to Dalmeny Street Drainage and ducting has commenced.

McDonald Road to Crown Street

Site Investigation and excavation works are continuing.

Elm Row Pigeons

The Elm row pigeons have been collected from storage and works have commenced on their restoration for reinstatement next year.

Lindsay Road

Drainage and ducting works are continuing on Lindsay Road with site clearance works having commenced from Lindsay Road to Melrose Drive embankment area. This is in preparation for the lowering of the retaining wall works on Lindsay Road.

Ocean Terminal

The main infrastructure works are progressing well with sequence of concrete track works well underway. Further updates will be available next week on the progress of this via our social media.



Leith Walk













Archaeology Vlog

John and Nicole look at the stratigraphy of the site, showing just how far under the surface we really are!



Itison



Please note Itison have emailed all businesses taking part in the scheme to advise of a new redemption process.

kpi Dashboards

You can download the following KPI dashboards for October on our website:

- Health & Safety
- Stakeholder & Communications

More Construction Updates



Constitution Place to Baltic Street

The main infrastructure works are progressing well in this area with preparation for track laying. The Tower Street junction remains closed and is scheduled to reopen early 2021.

Please be advised that access to Tower Street Industrial Estate remains open, please follow localised diversions.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Main infrastructure works are now underway in this section which will see the commencement of drainage and ducting works.

Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

We are expecting to finish the excavations of the human remains along the graveyard wall toward the end of next week, subject to findings. To date we have found in excess of 300 burials. We are currently down to working within two small areas covering 35m where we are still uncovering human remains and archaeology deposits at the base of these areas.

Works will be commencing on analysing and processing of the finds and human remains which will continue over the coming months. You can keep up to date on our progress via our vlogs.

Works has also begun on the facial reconstruction of some of the remains as part of an ongoing relationship between Dundee University and the City of Edinburgh Council's Archaeology service. We will keep you up to date with the progress as works progress.

On completion of these archaeology works excavation will then commence along this section.

Laurie Street to FOTW

Works are progressing well in this section and we are currently undertaking drainage works on the footpath and have created alternative pedestrian footpaths. Diversion signage is in place and pedestrian access to buildings will be maintained at all times.











McDonald Road has opened up to one-way traffic. The one lane will enable access from McDonald Road onto Leith Walk and Brunswick Street.

In order to facilitate the conclusion of utility works and the main infrastructure works, the McDonald Road junction will require a full closure of McDonald Road/Leith Walk following the opening of Annandale Street which is currently scheduled for spring 2021.

The right hand access from Leith Walk will remain closed and is expected to reopen summer 2021 when the full junction will reopen. On completion of McDonald Road works in summer 2021, Pilrig Street will close to allow utility and main infrastructure works to be carried out across this junction.

Additionally, City of Edinburgh Council and the project have been liaising with Broughton Primary School about safety concerns and traffic congestion in and around the area. The Council, alongside System & Infrastructure Contractor, SFN, have reviewed the McDonald/Broughton Road junction and have agreed that in order to enhance overall safety and control of the traffic a set of 3 way lights at the junction will be installed, creating two extra pedestrian crossings and additional lining works to create better visibility.

Walking and Cycling Spaces



We have extended the north bound temporary cycle lane onto Casselbank and Kirk Street where it will then rejoin the carriageway with advisory signage directing cyclists to Great Junction Street and Duke Street/Leith Links cycle routes. Southbound cyclists are to continue to join the cycleway at Casselbank Junction.

Updated Programme

The project continues to work towards a spring 2023 date for open for service and carrying passengers. Find out more on our website.











Additional Traffic & Pedestrian Updates



Iona Street - Temporary Road Closure

Access to Leith Walk from Iona Street will be closed from Monday 9 November. Expected duration of this closure is 2 weeks. Localised diversions will be in place and access is via Dalmeny Street. Further information on the Iona Street closure.

Gayfield Square

Access to Gayfield Square from Leith Walk has been reopened. Please note this is one way only and egress to Leith Walk will be maintained via East London Street.

Queen Charlotte Street - Temporary Traffic Lights

On Wednesday 4 November we installed temporary traffic lights and pedestrian crossings at the Queen Charlotte Street junction with Constitution Street to accommodate BT works. These will be in place for approximately 2 weeks. Parking restrictions will be in place to accommodate these works.

Final Business Case



A refreshed Final Business Case for the Trams to Newhaven project, updated in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, concludes that the economic case for the scheme remains positive. Further information is available on our website.

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Street Murals

As part of our Support for Business Package, we have commissioned a series of small murals to be painted on utility boxes on Leith Walk and Constitution Street.

Working alongside Vue Arts, the project will help exhibit the work of local aspiring and established graffiti and street artists.

Find out more on the artists involved, their inspiration, mural locations and latest designs on our website.









