

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven including Lindsay Road

The first phase of works on the south side of Lindsay Road are almost complete. Works carried out include:

- Lowering of Lindsay Road from its original levels by approx 1m to match the tram infrastructure with the existing road.
- Hard landscaping works have been undertaken and are ongoing to the north of Lindsay Road.
- Removal of the existing King Post Wall that previously retained part of Lindsay Road.
- The existing Marine Parade Graffiti Wall on Melrose Drive has had several repairs. We have finished the new design elements to complete the infill section and extend it to the east where it will support the new slip road of Lindsay Road.
- The foundation works of the North Leith Sands substation located off Melrose Drive have been completed following the removal of the existing historical quay wall.

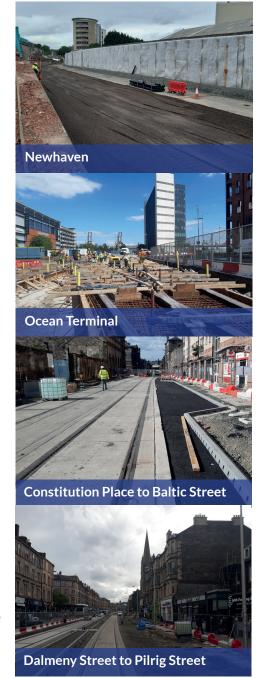
Earthworks fill for the tram route has now started between the retaining wall and Lindsay Road. Lightweight fill is an economical way to reduce the loads on the adjacent structure, reduces settlement and avoids any additional deep foundations or further strengthen works to the existing wall.

Ocean Terminal

Main infrastructure is progressing with the continuation of crossover track works, as well as hard landscaping, public realm work and the construction of Ocean Terminal tram stop. Additional works will start for hard landscaping and public realm works. This will see works being carried out on the existing footways, realignment of the south car park entrance and removal of the Ocean Terminal wall.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Drainage works are ongoing and ducting works complete near the Waterfront Plaza. Outbound track works are now complete with OLE foundation works starting. Inbound track works have now started with concrete pours taking place next week.











More Construction Updates

Stevedore Place

Outbound track and new carriage way works are now complete. Last week fence lines were extended, closing the footway that runs adjacent to properties at Stevedore Place for hard landscaping and reinstatement works. These are expected to be in place for up to seven weeks.

Ocean Way

We will be undertaking an excavation for OLE works on the footways at the entrance to the Tradewinds development starting on Wednesday 23 June for approx four weeks. Pedestrians entering/leaving the development will be via the footways on Constitution Place and Ocean Drive.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Works continue on foundations for the OLEs, the creation of the kerb lines, surfacing, installation of utilities, street lighting and hard landscaping. Localised footway closures will be in place with pedestrian diversions implemented. The closure to the footway on the west side of Constitution Street, at the corner of the RBS remains in place until late August 2021. Site lines will be extended from Monday 21 June towards existing building lines.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Upon completion of carriageway works we will move into the footway to start hard landscaping.

Coatfield Lane to Laurie Street

Drainage and ducting works are continuing. We have started works in the green space adjacent to Kirkgate House. Excavation works have taken place to facilitate foundation works for the OLE's, including hard landscaping and public realm works.

Laurie Street to Foot of the Walk

Works are progressing to construct the foundation for the tram stop and street furniture.

Crown Street to Jane Street

We are continuing with the diversion of a 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street and Manderston Street. This a complex due to the constrained space working around a number of other utilities. Due to issues experienced with the wider SGN network this will be ongoing until early July 2021.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

The inbound track has been completed with works on the outbound track near completion.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Works are now underway on the Balfour Street tram stop. Excavations continue to provide routes for new drainage and ducting and to allow for track slabs to be installed.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Works are continuing with the creation of the central reservations underway after the completion of the foundations for the OLE poles. Surfacing and public realm works are also ongoing.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Track pours have begun to install tram infrastructure on both sides of the bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Infrastructure works are nearly comple and hard landscaping and tram stop works are underway.

Annandale Street to London Road

The track slabs are complete and works on the foundations for OLE poles continues.









Track Cleaning

Throughout the works we undertake final preparation works to the track slab ahead of opening. These are ongoing works that are required to clean the area following concrete pours and will be ongoing throughout the construction period.

Drone Video

Check out the progress we have made by seeing it from above. Watch on our YouTube channel.



Crossing Points

As we progress works, crossing points across the route will need to move. Following feedback from the local community we are currently exploring pedestrian crossing point boards to be installed to inform pedestrians of the nearest crossing point.

Additional Traffic & Pedestrian Updates

Baltic Street/Bernard Street Junction

To begin track slab installation across the Bernard Street/Baltic Street junction the carriageway has been reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic lights. This will remain in place until end of June 2021. At this point, traffic will revert to two lanes, one in each direction.

Manderston Street - Temporary Road Closure

Manderston Street is closed at its junction with Leith Walk to for utility diversion works. This is a continuation of the works that are currently taking place at the junction of Jane Street and Leith Walk. Localised diversions and parking restriction are in place with pedestrian access being maintained at all times. The traffic lane on Leith Walk at Manderston Street has been reinstated to its original position to allow further progression of utility diversion works in the area. Due to issues with the wider SGN network the gas diversion works are ongoing and Manderston Street will remain closed until early July 2021.

Lorne Street - Temporary Road Closure

We will be closing Lorne Street from Leith Walk to the junction of Lorne Place for attenuation pipe installation works. The closure will be in place from Monday 28 June to tie in with the school holidays for approx seven weeks. Parking will be suspended for the duration of the closure with pedestrian access being maintained at all times.

Elm Row - Temporary Road Closure

We will be closing Elm Row to traffic from Saturday 26 June to undertake drainage and public realm improvement works. Works required are expected to be completed by Winter 2021/22. Pedestrian access will be maintained and all parking and loading will be suspended

Antigua Street - Parking Suspension and Footway Works
Following on from the site investigation works in April,
we are carrying out utility diversion works within the
footways and parking/loading areas. These works started
on Wednesday 9 June for approx seven weeks. There are
adjustments to the traffic lane north bound at London Road
roundabout with no access to Gayfield Square from Leith
Walk and exiting Gayfield Square will only be via the north
exit.

Iona Street - Temporary Road Closure

Iona Street will be closing from Leith Walk to the junction of Buchanan Street from Monday 14 June for approx 16 weeks for drainage system works. Parking will be suspended with pedestrian access being be maintained.









Leith Connections



The City of Edinburgh Council has published details of responses to the initial stage of the Leith Connections community engagement held earlier in the year. The Council engaged with residents, visitors and businesses to seek feedback on the project which aims to create a safer and more comfortable environment for residents and visitors walking, wheeling, cycling and spending time in the local streets and outdoor spaces in the area around the project.

The feedback survey found:

- 80% of survey respondents strongly support and support the aim for improving walking conditions in Leith.
- 75% of survey respondents strongly support and support the aim for improving cycling conditions in Leith.
- 72% of survey respondents strongly support and support a cycle route that is separated from pedestrian and motor traffic.
- 61% of respondents think that traffic levels and speeds for children cycling and walking are slightly unsafe (31%) and very unsafe (30%).

The Council is now seeking feedback on proposals for the low traffic neighbourhood that would reduce the impacts of through traffic, allow the creation of new community spaces and make it easier and more accessible for people to travel. Give your feedback at the Consultation Hub.

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Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about A One.

Tell us a bit about your business. "At A One, I offer a range of beauty treatments such as facial threading (eyebrows, full face ect) as well as eyebrow and eyelash tinting. I also do tailoring, alterations and clothing repairs on all kinds of garments in store."

Read the full article on our website.

Network Rail Vlog

We hear from Andy as he talks us through the history, methodology and construction of the tramline across the old Network Rail Bridge.



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