

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven including Lindsay Road

Site clearance works are ongoing between Lindsay Road and Hawthornvale footway. This is for the new cycleway link. The first phase of these works involved the clearance of shrubs and trees to accommodate new landscaping. Works carried out include:

- Progressing the backfill between the retaining walls.
- The substation building works have progressed ahead of the installation of the final containerised unit which will house the new substation tram equipment. Utility connection works will be carried out across the North Leith Sands junction. This will require a temporary road closure.
- Continuation of the remaining retaining wall works and commencement of backfilling on the Lindsay Road side.
- Sub-base material is ongoing between the retaining walls. Temporary material has been placed on top of the sub-base material to monitor the settlement of the retaining wall.

Further works include the completion of the new junction linking Lindsay Road to Melrose Drive, Newhaven terminus, landscaping, and a welfare building for tram staff use.

Ocean Terminal

Main infrastructure is progressing with the installation of the curved rails. This phasing of work has the tightest radius section of track slab, similar to the turn from Princes Street to St Andrew Square on the current line. Hard landscaping, public realm work and the construction of the tram stop continues. Soon reinstatement to the footways will start which will see footways moving. Ten cycle racks are available at the main entrance. These will remain until hard landscaping works are required.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Reinforcement and structural works to the existing Victoria Bridge continue with main footways closed and is expected to be in place until Autumn. Soon, we will move and extend the temporary lane that is adjacent to the CALA Developments. Temporary traffic management will be installed.









Ocean Terminal



Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street



Annandale Street to London Road

. Turner & Townsend

More Construction Updates

Ocean Drive at Stevedore Place and Ocean Way

Phase Two of construction works has started on the south side of Ocean Way. This includes ground excavations, clearance of utilities and main infrastructure works. There will be an extension to the site lines with traffic management arrangements extending west bound. Please note that the landscape designs are being finalised for the green spaces outside Stevedore Place. We would ask that no planting take place as these will have to be removed when landscaping works commence.

Constitution Place to Tower Street

Hard-landscaping works are progressing on the west side and are expected to be complete by the end of August. When finished, works will start on the east side includeing OLE foundation works, creation of the kerb lines, surfacing, street lighting and hard landscaping works. Traffic management will remain in place for these works, which are scheduled to be completed in Autumn.

Tower Street to Baltic Street

Footway and public realm works are progressing with completion in small sections within the footways on the west side of Constitution Street. From Monday 30 August this section re-open to traffic in both directions. The continuation of localised works will continue and at times may require localised temporary traffic management for such works. Once the current traffic management arrangements come off and the street reopened, the temporary traffic management on the Shore/Tower Street will be lifted. There will be localised works still ongoing once reopened and this junction will need to close again to install attenuation pipes.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

We anticipate that all current footway works will be complete by late September. In September, OLE works will start adjacent to the Port of Leith Pub. Additionally, tram stop works will be outstanding and will be undertaken following the completion of junction track works.

Queen Charlotte Street to Foot of the Walk

Temporary traffic lights near 115 Constitution Street are allowing utility clearance works. Track slab installation continues south of Coatfield Lane with preparations underway for further concrete pours. Excavation works have begun on the west side for ducting installation. The first concrete pour has taken place at FOTW. Concrete pours have been undertaken on ducting chambers and an OLE base. There have been changes made to the traffic management at the FOTW junction. These changes were put in place to progress works further into the junction.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Kerb lines are being installed for the central reservation. Breaking out works are complete.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Track slab pours have been undertaken with track installation underway. Works on the tram stop continues. Preparation works continue for hard landscaping including installation of kerb lines.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Work on the waiting area are complete with central reservation and hard landscaping continuing.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Preparations continue for the mass-fibre concrete pour on the historic rail bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Surfacing and concrete works are complete. Paving works are underway at the tram stop.

Annandale Street to London Road

Installation of the kerb lines for the central reservation continues. The fence lines of site will be extended south towards the roundabout for enabling works. The site at Antigua Street will remain in place with the fence line being adjusted to accommodate hard landscaping works. Installation of drainage continues as part of the first phase of works at Elm Row.









Ocean Terminal Discovery Garden

Works have commenced adjacent to the Discovery Garden, with utility diversions ongoing. These diversions are required for associated works within the garden. Below is the phasing of work:

Phase One - Duration is expected to be 10 - 12 working weeks

- Establishment of working room within the current garden space. This is to ensure safe working practices can be applied throughout the works, accommodate the realignment of the carriageway/footways, and to incorporate the Discovery Garden into the revised landscaping.
- The removal of trees and shrubs will be included in these works.
- Removal of a small section of the current Ocean Terminal entrance sign.
- The creation of a new layout to access the multi-story red car park. On completion of these
 works the garden may potentially re-open, However, this will be confirmed closer to the time, on
 completion of Phase 1. Please note should it re-open this will be a temporary arrangement and
 will have to close again during Phase 2 of the works.
- Phase Two Duration is expected to be 6 10 working weeks
- Construction of the new wall and any new pathways within the garden will be undertaken.
- Creation of the new footpath and green space to the east side of the new wall.
- Power connection and commissioning of the newly constructed Ocean Terminal Wall sign.

Additional Traffic Management & Pedestrian Updates

Foot of the Walk - Traffic Management Changes

The work site currently situated on Constitution Street has been extended out into the junction at FOTW. There will be a shuttle running arrangement installed through the junction utilising the permanent signals. These arrangements will remain in place until Winter 2021/22.

Lorne Street - Temporary Road Closure

The road will re-open on the evening of Wednesday 25 August. Reinstatement works will take place between 9am and 3pm to accommodate school traffic.

Iona Street - Temporary Road Closure

To facilitate these works, Iona Street has closed to traffic from Leith Walk to the junction of Buchanan Street from Monday 14 June for approximately 16 weeks.

Reopening of McDonald Road/Closure of Pilrig Street

McDonald Road junction has reopened enabling the closure of Pilrig Street junction. Traffic travelling southbound on Leith Walk will be able to turn right onto McDonald Road and traffic on McDonald Road will be able to turn right onto Leith Walk.

Pilrig Waiting Area

Pilrig waiting area was closed week ending Sunday 8 August. Two new temporary waiting areas have been created. The first, located north of Iona Street, opened on Monday 9 August. The second waiting area, located north of Annandale Street, opened on Friday13 August.

Tower Street

We will be carrying out utility works within the footpath on Tower Street near the junction with Constitution Street from Monday 26 July for approximately two weeks.









Resources Supply

A nationwide industry issue with the supply of concrete and other materials is impacting not only on Trams to Newhaven but construction projects across the country. The project team continues to work on mitigation measures, including re-sequencing of works, to minimise any impact. This may result in some sites seeing a reduced level of progress while we prioritise programme critical areas during the supply shortage period. The project is still on course for completion by Spring 2023 and within budget.

Community Benefits





Our contractors SFN recently donated some old materials from site to a nursery in Edinburgh. These materials will be used to support play-based learning in the early year's curriculum. We were delighted to see the creation of this amazing bug hotel that will no doubt facilitate a whole range of key learning opportunities for all the children who were involved.

Contact Us

newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk

🔇 0131 322 1122

(O) @tramstonewhaven

J @TramstoNewhaven



Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Logan Malloch.

Tell us a bit about your business. "Logan Malloch is a small independent retail business, run by Philip Logan and husband Brian Malloch, selling prints, plants, books and local makers goods. Logan Malloch opened its doors in April 2019 and despite lockdowns and a couple other hic-up's a long the way, have developed our name as the place to go for gift ideas for loved ones or for yourself."

Read the full article on our website.

Archaeology Vlog

We're back with City Archaeologist John at South Leith Parish Church graveyard to summarise our findings from last month. This includes more evidence of even older sea walls and Victorian docks at Newhaven and a further 20 human remains at Constitution Street. Watch on our YouTube.







Turner & Townsend