

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven including Lindsay Road

Retaining wall works are now complete and the new Lindsay Road junction has progressed with kerbs taking shape at the bell mouth. Further preparatory works will be undertaken before tracklaying begins. Works at Leith Sands have been completed.

Ocean Terminal

The first of the curved rails to the north side of Ocean Terminal have been installed. In addition, hard landscaping, public realm work and the construction of the tram stop continues. With the kerbs mainly complete to the north, surfacing will begin shortly between the public realm and the track. Reinstatement to the existing footways will start soon which will involve pedestrian footways moving. Diversions will be in place throughout.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Track installation has started on the Victoria Bridge. The footpath is still required to be closed with the previous diversion route signposted. These arrangements were implemented in April this year and are expected to be in place until Autumn 2021.

Traffic management arrangements are in place to the north of Ocean Terminal, controlled via a 3-way traffic light system. This is to accommodate the extension of site on Ocean Drive adjacent to the CALA Developments. To maintain access to the developments and accommodate site extension the temporary running lane has been moved and extended. These arrangements are expected to be in place until early Spring 2022.

Ocean Drive at Stevedore Place and Ocean Way

Phase two of construction works is progressing on the south side of Ocean Way, with MUS excavating and clearing utilities ahead of SFN installing the drainage and ducting. Overhead line equipment (OLE) works to the south west side of the site on the footpath started this week which will require the footpath to be temporarily closed for approximately six weeks.











Constitution Place to Baltic Street



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The road is now open to traffic from Baltic Street through to Ocean Drive. Localised work areas remain in place on the footways and these are expected to be completed in September 2021. Please note there will be no parking, loading or stopping under these traffic management arrangements.

Works will commence in the coming month on the Tower Street closure for the installation of attenuation pipes. Any affected parties will receive direct communications in advance. Please note that parking remains suspended on Tower Street to accommodate these future works.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Works on the footways continue. Pedestrian walkways will move to accommodate these works as they progress. Access to properties is being maintained. We anticipate that all current footway works will be complete by early October 2021. Track laying across the Bernard Street/Baltic Street junction is nearly complete and works on the tram stop continue.

The Mitchell Street Logistic Hub has been removed however the loading area remains for local businesses and residents to facilitate any delivery requirements. Our Logistic Officers will still be available to help but will be situated at the Foot of the Walk Logistic Hub.

Queen Charlotte Street to Foot of the Walk

Track has been installed from Laurie Street on the inbound lane down to Coatfield Lane. Further track works are underway at the tram stop. MUS continue to clear all utilities at the FOTW junction.

Work on the final section of the graveyard wall will begin at the end of September. Traffic management at the FOTW junction near the Duke Street/Great Junction Street junction continues to be monitored and adjusted as required. Once works are complete at this junction traffic can then move across the newly laid track. Pedestrian access is maintained.

Crown Street to Jane Street

Approximately 100m of track has been installed for the inbound line following recent concrete pours. Preparation works have begun for the outbound track installation, including track foundation works.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Kerb line installation for the central reservation continues, as does hard landscaping works. The fence line near Springfield Street will be extended west to accommodate footway works until October.

Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Two concrete pours have taken place on the tram stop. Fitting out works continue in preparation for further concrete pours.



Balfour Street to Dalmeny Street

Annandale Street to London Road

London Road roundabout









More Construction Updates



Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

The installation of the crossover tracks and hard landscaping works continue.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Ducting has been installed following excavation and utility works at Pilrig Street junction. The OLE base has also been installed in the small site area on the footpath at the Pilrig Street/Leith Walk junction.Car park access at Shrubhill has reverted back to previous traffic management arrangements. This change will allow track works to progress across the historic rail bridge.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Finishing works on the McDonald Road tram stop have been completed. Paving and kerb works continue to progress. There will be upcoming changes to the western fence line to allow hard landscaping to continue. Pedestrian diversions will be in place.

Annandale Street to London Road

Track works are progressing through London Road junction to facilitate upcoming traffic management changes. More details on this will be communicated soon. These works are in advance of a new phasing of works due to start next month.

Drainage installation continues as part of the first phase of works at Elm Row. We are undertaking utility diversion works within the footways and parking/loading areas.

Iona Street Update

Reinstatement works on Iona Street will start next week following the installation of the new attenuation pipes which will support surface water drainage in the local area. 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.

You can view the traffic management drawing for lona Street on our website.

19th Century Tram Mechanism



The 19th century tram cable winding mechanism found on Leith Walk (near Pilrig Street) was relocated this week for safe keeping! We will keep you up to date with its final destination. Thank you for all your suggestions.

You can watch City Archaeologist John's latest vlog on the movement of the winding wheels from site on our YouTube channel.









Turner & Townsend

Open for Business

You may have heard our new radio advert on Forth One highlighting that Leith is open for business. Adverts will also be running in local newspapers like The Edinburgh Reporter, The Broughton Spurtle and the Murrayfield Directory. A large outdoor poster promoting Leith as a destination is also live on North Bridge with smaller community posters coming in the next few weeks. Please continue to support your local Leith businesses by shopping local.







Small Business Spotlight

Find out more about Destined for Home in our latest small business spotlight.

Tell us a bit about your business.

"After being made redundant I decided to completely change career... and opened Destined For Home five years ago. I sell unique gifts and home interiors."

What makes your business unique?

"The UK has a wealth of quality goods, some products are recycled or sourced ethically. I hand pick quality products that are made in UK that hopefully you haven't seen elsewhere. I know each producer/ supplier and everything about their product. When I buy from other small businesses it helps their small business to continue in these strange times. You also get to meet our shop dog (and get a free cuddle!)"

Read the full article on our website.







