

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven to Melrose Drive 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 to accommodate tracklaying works over the coming weeks.

Ocean Terminal

The last two weeks have seen the first of the curved rails to the north side of Ocean Terminal being installed with concrete works now complete.

Preparation works for the installation of the inbound curved rail to the south side of Ocean Terminal are being undertaken. In addition, hard landscaping, public realm work and the construction of the Ocean Terminal tram stop continues. Reinstatement on existing footways has commenced which involves pedestrian footways moving away from the building. Signposted diversions will be in place throughout these works. Over the coming weeks works will commence on the east side footway on Ocean Drive, adjacent to Cala Developments. This will require the traffic management to be altered and the pedestrian crossing to be moved to accommodate further works including drainage, ducting, surfacing and landscaping.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

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. These arrangements are expected to be in place until early Spring 2022. Track installation has commenced on the Victoria Bridge.

The footway remains closed with the diversion route signposted. These arrangements are expected to be in place until Autumn 2021.

















More Construction Updates

Ocean Way to Stevedore Place

Phase Two of construction works is progressing on the south side of Ocean Way, with MUS excavating and clearing utilities ahead of SFN taking possession to install the drainage, ducting and tracks. Overhead line equipment (OLE) works to the south west side on the footway have commenced which require the footway to be temporarily closed. We will be extending the fence line west to the roundabout at Tower Place to accommodate further excavation and main infrastructure works. Current traffic management and pedestrian arrangements will remain in place with minor adjustments to maintain traffic flows in the area.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

The road is now open to traffic from Baltic Street through to Ocean Drive. Localised work areas remain in place across this section on the footways, which are expected to be completed in September 2021. Please note there will be no parking, loading or stopping up in this section under these traffic management arrangements. Landscaping works continue and are progressing well on the east from Tower Street to Genting Casino corner which are scheduled to be completed towards the end of October 2021. Works have commenced on Tower Street at the junction of Constitution Street for the installation of new attenuation pipes which will support surface water drainage in the local area. Further information on these works to follow in the coming weeks. Please note parking remains suspended on Tower Street to accommodate these works.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Footway works are continuing and we anticipate that all current footway works are expected to be complete by October 2021. The OLE works have commenced and are ongoing adjacent to the Port O' Leith Pub. Footway works are progressing on the east side. Access to properties will be maintained. Track laying across the Bernard / Baltic Street junction is complete. Work on the tram stop will continue between Bernard / Baltic Street and Maritime Lane.

Queen Charlotte Street to Foot of the Walk (FoTW)

Track has been installed at Laurie Street on the inbound lane down to Coatfield Lane. Further track works are underway at the Foot of the Walk tram stop.

Work on the final section of the graveyard wall will begin at the end of September. Traffic management at the Foot of the Walk junction adjacent to Duke Street/Great Junction Street junction continues to be monitored and adjusted as required. Pedestrian access is maintained, including access to local businesses.

Leith Walk

Works are continuing on the west side of Leith Walk and a programme for the footway works on the east side is being developed. Further communications on this will be issued in due course.

Crown Street to Jane Street

The inbound track works are near completion with the progression of outbound track works having commenced. Drainage and landscaping works in the area are progressing.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Main infrastructure works continue. This includes the main foundation concrete works for the Balfour tram stop and landscaping works. This will then see the closure of the Stead's Place / Leith Walk junction and the reopening of Springfield Street, to allow utility clearance followed by track laying.









Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

The installation of the second crossover track is being installed as part of tram infrastructure works. There are four crossover tracks on the route which allows the trams to change direction. In the coming weeks drainage and ducting works will be complete with the commencement of landscaping works on the west footways.

Iona Street

Reinstatement works on Iona Street has commenced following the installation of the new attenuation pipes which will support surface water drainage in the local area. To facilitate these works Iona Street was closed to traffic from Leith Walk to the junction of Buchanan Street. These works are expected to be complete by Mid-October.

Pilrig Street Junction

Ducting has been installed following excavation and utility works.

The OLE base has been installed in the small site area on the footway at the Pilrig Street/Leith Walk junction.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Access to the Engine Yard development underground car park at Shrubhill was recently adjusted to accommodate the progression of main infrastructure works within this section of works. The progression of wider site works in this area include bridge strengthening works across the historic rail bridge.

Pedestrian crossing points will move to accommodate the progression of the works. Further updates will be released via the project communication channels.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Finishing works on the McDonald Road tram stop have been completed. Paving and kerb works continue to progress from south to north There has been changes to the western fence line between McDonald Road and Annandale Street to allow landscaping to be completed into existing building lines. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Pedestrian crossing points will be required to move to accommodate the progression of the works. Further updates will be released via the project communication channels.

Annandale Street to London Road

Track works are progressing through London Road junction in order to facilitate upcoming traffic management changes ahead of a new phasing of works in the coming weeks.

Temporary reinstatement works will be undertaken at Antigua Street to accommodate the new phasing of works towards York Place. Reinstatement works such as kerb and foot way alignment works will be required at a later stage in the project.

Elm Row

The installation of the drainage system continues as part of the first phase of works at Elm Row. Following the completion of this phase landscaping and public realm works will commence.











London Road to York Place

Works will start from London Road to York Place on Monday 11 October 2021. Site will be established over the weekend of Saturday 9 / Sunday 10 October 2021 and will include a realignment of the London Road roundabout. A temporary pedestrian crossing will be installed through the site across from the Playhouse Theatre. This may have to move at times whilst works progress. Morrison Utility Services (MUS) will begin ground excavation works with the clearance of any utility services and archaeological works. Sacyr, Farrans, Neopul (SFN), will then continue with full tram infrastructure works.

London Road Excavations

Excavations will be required to the East of the previous London Road roundabout. This location is associated with the site of the 15th-16th century Greenside Chapel and Carmelite monastery and later 16th/17th century leper hospital. This may require the archaeological exhumation of some remains if burials are discovered during archaeological works.

The court ordains any interested parties, on a period of 14 days from 20 September 2021 to lodge with the court a notice of intention to defend with the sheriff clerk at Edinburgh Sheriff Court, 27 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LB, if they wish to: (a) Challenge the jurisdiction of the court (b) Oppose any claim or order sought (c) Make any claim or seek any order

Community Benefits

The project was delighted to support the Leith for Ever event at the Commercial Street Market on Saturday bringing along some of the Archaeology finds recovered during the works.



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