



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road

Retaining wall works are now complete and the new Lindsay Road junction has seen further progress with the new kerbs taking shape at the bell mouth. Rails have now been installed on Melrose Drive allowing the first of the concrete pours to commence. Ducting and drainage works are ongoing for the new substation. The mains power connection has been installed which will enable the start of systems works within the substation.

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping, surfacing, public realm works, including the construction of the Ocean Terminal tram stop continues. Works commenced on the North side of Ocean Drive at Ocean Terminal week commencing 11 October. This required traffic moving to the west carriageway at Ocean Terminal and a footway closure on the east side of Ocean Drive. Pedestrian and cyclist access is maintained via the North side of Ocean Terminal and further wayfinding signage will be installed. Vehicle access will be managed and maintained to CALA Developments, Ocean Terminal Blue Car Park and the Ocean Point One building via a 3-way temporary traffic management arrangement. Over the past few weeks reinstatement works to the existing footways on the west side of Ocean Terminal have been ongoing. This has involved pedestrian footways moving away from the building line of Ocean Terminal. Over the coming weeks further landscaping will commence directly outside the main entrance of Ocean Terminal. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will remain in place with clear signposted diversions.



Rennie's Isle



Bernard/ Baltic St Junction



Constitution Street



Ocean Terminal

More Construction Updates



Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

The site has been extended on Ocean Drive adjacent to the CALA Developments. This will allow a tie into the current rail track at Ocean Terminal. These arrangements have been reviewed following feedback from local residents and CALA Developments about the overall accessibility in the area. We will be installing a new crossing point located just off the north corner of Ocean Drive which will be in place by the end of Friday 22 October. The current pedestrian location will then close. We will be enhancing wayfinding signage in and around the area. Please be advised that the pedestrian crossing point will be required to move at times to accommodate works and any updates on such changes will be communicated via the project's communication channels. Works are progressing well heading east bound on Ocean Drive with track installation nearing completion on the Victoria Bridge with the approach footpaths under construction. This includes landscaping works in the area which are continuing towards CALA.

The Victoria Bridge remains closed. This was scheduled to open early October 21 however these works took longer than originally anticipated and works are continuing into November.

Ocean Way to Stevedore Place

Phase two of construction works are 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 track works. Overhead line equipment (OLE) works to the south west side on the footway have commenced. The footway will remain closed to facilitate these works. We will be extending the fence line further west to the roundabout at Tower Place to accommodate 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 the coming weeks. Please note there will be no parking, loading or stopping 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 November.

We are undertaking utility diversions at Tower Street ahead of installing attenuation pipes which will support surface water drainage in the area. The site has been extended further west on the south side of the carriageway which is expected to take approximately 5 weeks. Following this, the installation of the attenuation pipes will commence which will see the site extended further to include the north side of the carriageway. These works are expected to be complete by the end of the year with reinstatement of setts following early 2022.

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 will be complete by end of October 2021. The OLE works are complete in this area with reinstatement works near completion, adjacent to the Port O' Leith Pub.

Track laying across the Bernard / Baltic Street junction is complete. In the coming weeks the completion of the carriageway up to the tram stop will be completed. This will require the current pedestrian crossing to be moved further South.

Work for the construction of the tram stop will commence between Bernard / Baltic Street and Maritime Lane.

Landscaping works are ongoing on the south side of the Baltic street Junction on both the east and west. Pedestrian diversions are in place.

On Wednesday 27 October we will be commencing works on Bernard Street for the installation

of the attenuation pipes for approximately 16 weeks.

The work site will be extending west on Bernard Street to accommodate utility diversions and will require the closure of Maritime Street at the junction of Bernard Street including parking restrictions on Maritime Street at this location, movement of the pedestrian crossing on the west side and slight adjustments to the traffic flow around the area.

Works will consist of ground excavations, utility diversions and the installation of temporary supports to protect utility assets using sheet piles. The piles will be installed using a vibro piling method which is less intrusive than the traditional hammer method.

Piling works are expected to commence the week of 22 November 2021 for approximately 7 days.

Noise and vibration will be monitored to ensure that the works are within the limits stipulate within the Code of Construction Practice.

The loading area on Mitchell Street remains for local businesses and residents to facilitate any delivery requirements. Our Logistic Officers at the Foot of the Walk Logistic Hub will be able to help. You can arrange help in advance directly at the hubs, through our contact centre on 0131 322 1122 or email Newhaven.tram@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Queen Charlotte Street / Coatfield Lane to Foot of the Walk (FoTW)

Works continue from Coatfield Lane to FOTW with excavation works underway to progress outbound track installation and complete the drainage and ducting. Localised pedestrian access will be maintained.

From 18 October works have been progressing from 115 Constitution Street into the Coatfield Lane site. There will be two phases which are expected to take approximately five weeks to complete.

Localised pedestrian access will be maintained along Constitution Street for the duration of these works.

Parking restrictions remain in the area under the project's temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO).

The final section of the South Leith Parish wall will commence in the coming weeks which will complete structure works along the graveyard.

Track installation works continue to progress between Laurie Street and the Foot of the Walk with the completion of wall works at the new Kirkgate.

Traffic management at the Foot of the Walk junction adjacent to Duke Street/Great Junction Street junction continues to be monitored. The pedestrian crossing will require to be relocated in early November to accommodate main infrastructure works. Access to local businesses will be maintained.

Leith Walk

Works are continuing on the west side of Leith Walk. From 30 October we will be switching the traffic to the West side from McDonald Road to Montgomery Street to allow us to start the programme of works on the East side.

A full programme for the East and West side works will be communicated in the coming weeks.

FOTW to Crown street

We will be moving the FOTW logistics hub early November to accommodate works in this section. Further details on the location will be advised via the project's communication channels and representatives from the project will liaise with businesses directly.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Works are progressing well throughout this section of works.

Springfield Street reopened to south bound traffic during the week commencing 11 October to enable the closure of Stead's Place to further progress main infrastructure works. However since implementation the traffic management arrangements have been reviewed and and required changes will be made. From Monday 25 October vehicles will be under a two-way temporary light system. Additionally, localised parking restrictions will be installed within adjacent streets such as Springfield Street and Stead's Place under the project's TTRO (temporary traffic regulation order).

Localised communication was undertaken to notify of these changes. The City of Edinburgh Council's parking enforcement teams will be enhanced to monitor these new arrangements. Any updates to this will be communicated via the project's communication channels. Excavation for track works are underway at Stead's Place. Works to complete the foundation and track slab on the Balfour tram stop are progressing well. Adjustments to the fence lines will soon take place on Balfour Street to allow for the progress of hard landscaping works in this section. Detailed communications on this will be issued via the project communication channels with direct engagements taking place to local businesses.

Dalmeny Street to Pilrig Street

Concrete pours for the crossover track are ongoing at this location. There are three crossover tracks on the route which allows the trams to change direction.

In the coming weeks associated drainage and ducting works will be completed with the commencement of landscaping works on the west footways with some localised diversions in place to progress the works.

Iona Street

Reinstatement on Iona Street is ongoing 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 completed end of October.

Pilrig Street Junction

Ducting and drainage works are progressing well which will then allow commencement of installation of track through this junction.

Works on the new footpath on the north side of Pilrig junction have commenced to enable landscaping works.

Pilrig Street to McDonald Road

Works are progressing either side of the historic rail bridge with structure strengthening works over this historic bridge. Once fully completed this will allow the installation of track works across the structure.

MUS are carrying out attenuation works at the junction of McDonald road on the south side of the historic railway bridge to Croall place to alleviate any future surface water drainage issues in the surrounding area.

Pedestrian crossing points will move to accommodate the progression of these works. Detailed communications on this will be issued via the project communication channels.



McDonald Road to Annandale Street

On 30 October 2021 works are scheduled to start on the city bound running lane from McDonald Road to Montgomery Street which will require the traffic to be diverted onto the newly installed western carriage way. This change is to accommodate further landscaping and surfacing works required on the east side of Leith Walk.

There will be no left turn into and out of Brunswick Street from Leith Walk.

The crossing point located to the north of the McDonald Road junction will move approximately 15 meters further South and will be clearly indicated.

The short-term waiting area for those visiting Leith Walk businesses will be moved from the east side to the west side on Leith Walk.

A bus change area will be added next to the waiting area. The bus stop will remain in place at Elm Row, to note this stop will require to be moved at a later stage of the works. Details of any bus diversions can be found at lothianbuses.com

Cyclist diversions remain in place.

Pedestrian footways and access to shops, hospitality and leisure units on the east side will always be maintained. Footpath widths will range from 2.0 m to 1.5 m. However, in very rare situations this might need to be reduced further, but access will be maintained for members of the public, residents, and local shop owners.

Businesses that are currently occupying the footway will have to remove any arrangements in place to accommodate the works, this includes permit holders for hospitality venues removing all table and chairs while these works are being carried out. Businesses will be visited by project representatives ahead of these changes and any concerns can be further discussed.

Elm Row

The installation of the attenuation drainage system is now complete as part of the first phase of works at Elm Row this will see further drainage works commence at Montgomery street.

London Road to York Place


Works started from London Road to York Place on Monday 11 October 2021.

A temporary pedestrian crossing has been installed through the site across from the Playhouse Theatre. This may have to move at times whilst works progress.

MUS have begun ground excavation works with the clearance of any utility services and archaeological works. SFN will then continue with full tram infrastructure works.

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