



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road

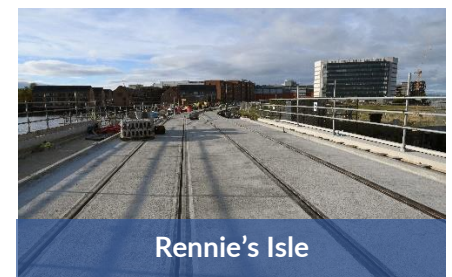
Sub-base material, which forms the tram foundation, was installed earlier this year with a temporary material added on top to allow consolidation of the existing ground. This is now being removed which will allow track works to commence. Rails have now been installed on Melrose Drive allowing the first of the concrete pours to be complete. Ducting and drainage works are ongoing around 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 continue. Works started 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. Reinstatement works to the existing footways on the west side of Ocean Terminal are ongoing. This has involved pedestrian footways moving away from the building line of Ocean Terminal. Landscaping works have commenced directly outside the main entrance of Ocean Terminal. Access for pedestrian and cyclist are in place with wayfinding in place. Cycle racks remain in place.



Melrose Drive



Rennie's Isle



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Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

The site has been extended on Ocean Drive adjacent to the CALA Developments. This will allow for a tie into the existing rails currently installed at Ocean Terminal. These arrangements are expected to be in place until early Spring 2022. In line with resident feedback from CALA Developments we reviewed the arrangements and installed a crossing point located just off the north corner of Ocean Drive which has improved accessibility in the surrounding area.

Please be advised that the pedestrian crossing point will be required to move at times to accommodate works. Any 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 and 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 2021 however these works took longer than originally anticipated and are expected to be complete mid to late November.

Ocean Way to Stevedore Place

Phase two of construction works are progressing on the south side of Ocean Way. Excavation and utility clearance continues on the west side. SFN have commenced drainage and ducting on the east side. Overhead line equipment (OLE) works to the south west side on the footway have commenced. The footway will remain closed to facilitate these works.

A minor extension to the fence line was made further west at the roundabout at Tower Place to accommodate excavation and main infrastructure works.

Current traffic management and pedestrian arrangements 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.

Landscaping works continue and are progressing well on the east from Genting Casino corner to Tower Street and are scheduled to be completed in December 2021. Week commencing 8 November, localised traffic management will be in place to accommodate lining works. Please note there is no parking, loading or stopping in this section under these traffic management arrangements. Tower Street attenuation pipe enabling works have commenced which will support surface water drainage in the area. The site has been extended further west on the south side of the carriageway and the enabling works are 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 the cobbles 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 all current footway works to be complete during November 2021. The OLE works and landscaping works adjacent to the Port O' Leith Pub are now complete. Track laying across the Bernard / Baltic Street junction is complete with landscaping works ongoing in this area. The carriageway works up to the tram stop will be completed in the coming weeks. Work for the construction of the tram stop have commenced between Bernard / Baltic Street and Maritime Lane. We have commenced works on Bernard Street for the installation of the attenuation pipes which are expected to last for approximately 16 weeks. The work site has extended west on Bernard Street which required the closure of Maritime Street at the junction of Bernard Street including parking restrictions on Maritime

Street, 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 by the use of 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 stipulated within the Code of Construction Practice.

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. The final section of the South Leith Parish wall will commence in the coming weeks which will complete the structure at the graveyard. This will involve installation of temporary works to facilitate the commencement of the foundations for the remaining structure. Track works continue to progress between Coatfield Lane and the Foot of the Walk with the completion of wall works at the new Kirkgate. Over the coming weeks the pedestrian walkway at FoTW will be relocated approximately 20 meters north bound to accommodate further track works. 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.

FOTW to Crown street

From Monday 8 Nov there will be an extension to our site lines from Jane Street to Kirk Street. This is to accommodate the commencement of utility clearance and tram infrastructure works. Vehicle access to Kirk Street / Cassels Lane & Casselbank Street will be maintained from Leith Walk for southbound traffic only in the form of a right turn to Kirk Street. Exiting from the above areas will be maintained via Kirk Street with a right turn onto southbound traffic on to Leith Walk. Additionally, there will be a left turn on to Great Junction Street. There is no access on to Duke Street. Drivers wishing to access Easter Road, Lochend Road and Vanburgh Place should use Manderston Street. Additionally, the waiting area will also be relocated between Jane Street and Steads Place to accommodate the works.

Crown Street to Jane Street

Track works on both inbound and outbound are now complete. Drainage and landscaping works in the area are progressing on the west side of Leith Walk.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

Main infrastructure and landscaping works are progressing well throughout this section. Springfield Street reopened to south bound traffic during the week commencing 11 October to enable the closure of Steads Place to further progress main infrastructure works. Traffic management arrangements are being managed under a two-way temporary light system. To support these arrangements localised parking restrictions were installed within adjacent streets such as Springfield Street and Stead's Place under the project's TTRO (temporary traffic regulation order). The City of Edinburgh'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. Adjustments to the fence lines will soon take place on Balfour Street to allow for the progression of hard landscaping works in this section. Detailed communications on this has been issued via the project communication channels with direct engagements taking place to affected local businesses.

Iona Street

Reinstatement works on Iona Street will be complete early next week and the road will be reopened to traffic. Following feedback, we will be implementing additional loading and temporary parking on Iona Street following the reopening. There will be a further requirement to

close Iona Street again at the junction of Leith Walk to complete further attenuation and landscaping works on the city bound running lane. Further information will be made available nearer the time.

Pilrig Street Junction

Ducting and drainage works are progressing well which facilitates the commencement of installation of track through this junction. Works on the new footpath on the north side of Pilrig junction have commenced to accommodate landscaping works. Following feedback we will be installing a crossing point just north of this junction. This is expected to be in place by 6 November. Furthermore additional temporary parking bays will be installed on Pilrig Street. Pedestrian crossing points will move to accommodate the progression of these works. Detailed communications on this will be issued via the project communication channels

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 rail way 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 started on the city bound running lane from McDonald Road to Montgomery Street which required the traffic to be diverted onto the newly installed western carriage way. This change was to accommodate further landscaping and surfacing works required on the east side of Leith Walk. The crossing point located to the north of the McDonald Road has been moved further south. Cyclist diversions remain in place. The short-term waiting area for those visiting Leith Walk businesses has been moved from the east side to the west side on Leith Walk. 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 during this construction phase. 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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