

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Newhaven to Melrose Drive including Lindsay Road

Rails have now been installed on Melrose Drive allowing the first of the concrete pours to be complete. The mains power connection has been installed to enable systems work within the substation. Works are expected to commence in the Cruise Terminal area situated on Melrose Drive from Monday 29 November. Pedestrian access will be maintained in the surrounding area.

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping, surfacing, public realm works, including the construction of the Ocean Terminal tram stop are progressing. Traffic has moved to the west carriageway at Ocean Terminal with a footway closure on the east side of Ocean Drive. Pedestrian and cyclist access is maintained to Ocean Terminal, with wayfinding signage in place throughout the area. Vehicle access is 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 directly outside the main entrance of Ocean Terminal are now complete with further landscaping works ongoing on the existing footway heading south. Access for pedestrians and cyclists remain in place with wayfinding installed. Cycle racks remain in place.

Over the next few weeks, further hard landscaping will commence on the existing footways along the building line of the red car park entrance area. This will include realignment works to the entrance to the red car park. However, vehicle and pedestrian access will be maintained.

















More Construction Updates

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

The site has been extended on Ocean Drive adjacent to the CALA Developments. This enables associated infrastructure works to tie into the existing rails that were installed at the north of Ocean Terminal. Following feedback from residents at CALA Developments, we reviewed the arrangements and installed a crossing point located just off the north corner of Ocean Drive. 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 with the approach footpaths under construction. This includes landscaping works in the area which are continuing towards Cala.

The Victoria Bridge remains closed and is expected to re-open week commencing 13 December 2021. We are working to complete these works as quickly as possible in order to reopen to pedestrians and cyclists.

Ocean Way to Stevedore Place

Phase two of construction works are progressing on the south side of Ocean Way. SFN are currently installing ducting and drainage ahead of main infrastructure works.

Overhead line equipment (OLE) works to the south west side on the footway have commenced and are ongoing. 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, utility and main infrastructure works.

Current traffic management and pedestrian arrangements remain in place and continue to be monitored. The planting of shrubs as part of landscaping works is expected to commence on the north side of Ocean Way outside Stevedore Place properties in the coming weeks.

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.

Tower Street utility diversions have commenced ahead of installation of 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 to facilitate these works. Following the enabling works, the installation of the attenuation pipes will commence which will see the site extended further to include the north side of the carriageway. Any changes to access arrangements will be communicated directly with residents. 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. From week commencing 22 November routine rail inspection works are expected to commence between the Baltic Junction and Tower Street. This will require localised traffic management arrangements being implemented which will be managed via stop and go boards. These arrangements will be for a short duration only with minimal disruption expected.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

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 has commenced between Bernard / Baltic Street and Maritime Lane and is progressing.

Works are ongoing for the installation of the attenuation pipes on Bernard Street .

The work site has been extended west which required the closure of Maritime Street.

Works consist of ground excavations, utility diversions and the installation of temporary supports









to protect utility assets by the use of sheet piles.

Piling works are expected to commence 10 December 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.

The loading area on Mitchell Street remains for local businesses and residents to facilitate any delivery requirements.

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

Works continue from Coatfield Lane to FoTW with excavation underway to progress outbound track installation and complete drainage and ducting. Localised pedestrian access is maintained in the area. 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 temporary works to facilitate the installation of a foundation for the crypt at the entrance to South Leith Parish Church. This will then enable restoration works on the crypt to start and for the wall to be completed at this section. Track works continue to progress between Coatfield Lane and the Foot of the Walk with the completion of wall works at the new Kirkgate.

FoTW to Crown Street

Works have now begun within the extended section of site from Kirk Street to Casselbank Street. MUS have begun ground excavation works with the clearance of any utility services and archaeological works. SFN will then follow with 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. To accommodate this new section of works the Logistics hub at FoTW has been relocated to the west side of Leith Walk between Jane Street and Steads Place. Our Logistic Officers at the hub are available to assist those businesses in the area. Additionally, the waiting area has been 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. Steads Place remains closed to allow further progress on 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 projects TTRO (temporary traffic regulation order). The City of Edinburgh's parking enforcement teams will be monitoring these new arrangements. Any updates to this will be communicated via the project's communication channels. Site lines will be extended on to the existing foot way at Arthur Street to accommodate hard landscaping works. Direct communications with affected properties have taken place. Works on the bell mouth of Balfour Street have commenced and are progressing well. This is to accommodate hard landscaping works. Access to businesses remain in place.

Iona Street

Iona Street opened to traffic early last week following completion of the first phase of the attenuation pipe works. Following feedback, we will be implementing additional loading and temporary parking in the area. Parking restrictions will be implemented from 07:00hrs on Monday 22 November 2021 on the south side of Iona Street (from Leith Walk to Buchanan Street) and are expected to remain in place for approximately 1 week to facilitate the lining









works. It should be noted that a tow away scheme will be in operation. 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 to facilitate 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 a crossing point was installed just north of this junction. Additional temporary parking bays have been installed on Pilrig Street. Pedestrian crossing points will need to 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 taking place. Once fully complete this will allow the installation of track works across the structure.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Traffic is now being diverted onto the newly installed western carriage way 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 bus stop currently remains in place at Elm Row however will require to be moved at a later stage of the works. Details of any bus diversions can be found at lothianbuses.com. The short-term waiting area for those visiting Leith Walk businesses has been moved from the east side to the west side of 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 1.5m to 2m during this construction phase although in very rare situations this might need to be reduced further. Businesses that are currently occupying the footway will have to remove any arrangements in place to accommodate the works, including table and chair permit holders for hospitality venues. 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 at Elm Row. Further drainage works are scheduled to start at Montgomery Street.

London Road to York Place

MUS have begun ground excavation works with the clearance of any utility services and archaeological works. Once completed, SFN will follow with full tram infrastructure works.

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.

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