



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in spring 2023. To date 93% of track slab has been laid (over 4,000m), 100% of the necessary utility diversions have been carried out, and main construction work is complete on four new tram stops at Constitution Street, McDonald Road, Ocean Terminal, and Foot of the Walk with works progressing well on the Balfour Street and Port of Leith stops. We've also installed 96 OLE poles, 45% of the total along the route and over 4,000m of drainage infrastructure.

Main construction works for the Project are scheduled to be completed during 2022 with trams operational in Spring 2023. Localised works will continue on carriage and footways along the route to install tram communication systems, tram stop fit outs, the installation of overhead line equipment, street lighting, landscaping, and traffic signaling.

Associated traffic management and pedestrian diversions will be set up as required with any changes being communicated via the Project's communication channels.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Localised works are continuing on the north footway at Newhaven. Works on the Newhaven tram stop have now commenced and are progressing well, including the construction of tram welfare building. In addition, track works are progressing heading east on Melrose Drive.

Melrose Drive

Track works are continuing in this area



Melrose Drive



Ocean Terminal



Queen Charlotte Street



Leith Walk

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping works on the eastern carriageway are progressing south towards the Holiday Inn.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Changes to the traffic management at the Tower Place junction came into effect on 25 July 2022. This involved the site being extended from the west to the east and the pedestrian walkway being located on the eastern side of Tower Place.

Stevedore Place

Track and tram stop works are continuing.

At the Trade Winds development, footpath works are scheduled to start in the coming month. Works on the east of Ocean Drive at the old casino are ongoing.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Attenuation pipe works are on hold on Tower Street due to the discovery of an uncharted service. This will now be completed in September 2022. The road will remain closed. Access to Tower Street remains from The Shore.

The reinstatement works around the newly installed overhead line equipment poles are progressing in this section of works.

Localised footway works are ongoing adjacent to the Royal Bank of Scotland to accommodate power connection for the new traffic signals.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

There will be a requirement to carry out a second phase of tram stop fit out at a later date, which will include the installation of the tram stop furniture. Details of this will be communicated ahead of works starting.

The Bernard / Baltic Junction has reduced to one-lane contraflow on the east side to enable final surfacing works. These are expected to be completed by Monday 1 August 2022.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

Hard landscaping and overhead line equipment works began this week.

You can find out more about these works on the project website.

In addition, footpath works on the east side of Constitution Street between Queen Charlotte Street junction and number 93 Consttution Street will start on Wednesday 3 August 2022.

Arrangements are expected to be in place for four weeks and access to all properties we be maintained.

Diversion routes are in place for all traffic including cyclists who can use the option of walking bicycles through the pedestrian routes.

Coatfield Lane to FOTW

Works on the South Leith Parish Church wall are continuing. Once completed, overhead line equipment and footpath works will commence on the west side between Laurie Street and Coatfield Lane which will require further localised changes to the traffic management in the area. Public realm works are ongoing adjacent to the Kirkgate House flats on Constitution Street.



Leith Walk

Two-way traffic is now running from London Road to Pilrig Street in both directions and all heras fencing from Montgomery Street / Annandale Street and Pilrig Street have been removed.

There is no waiting or stopping between Pilrig Street and Annandale Street, though there is designated loading and parking provision on both the east and west side of Leith Walk. Logistics provisions to support businesses on Albert Street and Montgomery Street with deliveries and dispatches will also remain on this section of Leith Walk.

With the street lighting now incorporated into the OLE poles in the central reservation, the removal of the old lampposts located on the footways and newly created cycleways will start during August. This will involve the creation of small works sites in order to allow Scottish Power Energy Network to disconnect power to the lampposts, arrange for their removal, with reinstatement then following. A full programme is being developed and further details will be available in due course.

Cycle Lane

To accommodate the above works, both cycleways on Leith Walk remain closed and diversion routes are in place.

Foot of the Walk to Manderston Street

Track has been installed across the junction with a concrete pour scheduled to take place over the next two weeks.

Jane Street to Balfour Street

As part of ongoing localised works on the west side of Leith Walk, vehicle access to Jane Street remains closed and parking restrictions are in force in the area.

External surfacing, internal fit-out, and power connection works are ongoing at the substation.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Infrastructure works continue in this section.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

McDonald Road tram stop works, which involves the installation of the shelter, continues. These works are scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2022.

Hard landscaping works are progressing from Annandale Street and Gayfield Place.

Albert Street Logistics Hub

We have removed the welfare and container units at the Albert Street Hub in response to a reduction in demand and to create more space for vehicles to load / unload. As part of the new arrangements, there will be no logistic officers based full-time at the location but will be supporting businesses via the Dalmeny Street, Montgomery Street, and Foot of the Walk hubs. Affected businesses have been visited to explain this change.

Hard landscaping works are progressing from Annandale Street and Gayfield Place.

York Place to London Road

The Project will be reinstating the turn back at Picardy Place during August 2022. This will improve bus and traffic movements between Broughton Street and Leith Street.

Further changes to the traffic management and pedestrian movements are scheduled for later in August 2022. This will involve the commencement of hard landscaping works from Blenheim Place to Greenside Lane. Further information will be available over the coming weeks.

Program update

The project remains on schedule for completion by spring 2023 and within the £207.3m budget, with all major construction anticipated to be complete by the end of 2022 ahead of a testing and commissioning period.

However, the programme has changed for specific sections of the route due to industry-wide

challenges with the availability of materials and skilled labour, as well as other issues including utility conflicts that were more complex than expected. As a result, some stretches are scheduled to take longer than originally planned. Full details of the updated programme are available on the Trams to Newhaven website.



Tell us a bit about your business.

Capital Cartridges is a family run business which has had a retail shop on Elm Row since 2004. We specialise in all printing consumables such as genuine and refilled ink and toner cartridges, printing/photocopying/scanning and having also recently expanded into key cutting and being a DPD Parcel drop off point

What makes your business unique?

Printers and cartridges can often be a bit of a minefield so with almost 20 years of experience we have a wide knowledge of almost any cartridge that is available as manufacturers release more and more models. We also keep stock of older cartridges that can become more problematic to source. As well as selling genuine manufacturers cartridges we also stock compatible cartridges - a much cheaper alternative that work just as well while also often having more ink/toner.

We provide free same day delivery to all our business customers in the city and we are currently expanding this to non-business customers too.

We really like to have the customers best interests at the forefront and will try guide them in the best direction for their printing needs.

Describe your typical working day.

It starts by checking any emails and orders that may have come through during the evening or early morning and getting these ready for delivery later in the day. An inventory of any DPD parcels needs to be taken so we are prepared for any new parcels coming in. As we are a retail business no two days are the same so it's a case of adapting to the current situation in order to meet our customers' needs and requirements

Why Leith?

It's a vibrant and multicultural part of Edinburgh. The area also allows us to be close to the city centre while also having its own unique collection of shops, cafes and pubs!

Name three fellow Leith businesses you love to visit.

Tattie Shaws - All the fresh fruit and veg you could ever need!

Embo - Great cafe with fantastic soup!

Garlands - Lovely flowers and great selection.

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