



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Trams are scheduled to be operational in Leith and Newhaven by Spring 2023. To date 96% of track slab has been laid (over 4,400m), over 8,500 metres of communication and utility ducting has been installed, and main construction works are complete on five new tram stops at Constitution Street, McDonald Road, Ocean Terminal, Balfour Street, and Foot of the Walk and progressing well at the Port of Leith stop. We've also installed 114 OLE poles, 53% of the total along the route, and over 4,300m 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 signalling.

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

Please note there may be instances of emergency works being undertaken by utility providers on the route which are not project related.

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Works continue on the north footway at Newhaven.

There will be changes to pedestrian arrangements in this area to enable construction of the new tram stop to continue. This will see the northwest side of the tram stop being built up to the new paved area. These changes were installed on Thursday 8 September 2022 and will stay in place for approximately 4-6 weeks.

During this time, a safe access route will be provided through our works and back onto the footway for all users.

Track installation is progressing heading east on Melrose Drive.



Melrose Drive



Ocean Drive



Stevedore Place



Leith Walk

Melrose Drive

Track works are continuing in this area.

There have been adjustments to pedestrian and vehicle routes to allow hard landscaping works to commence.

Ocean Terminal

Hard landscaping works continue on the eastern carriageway heading south towards the Holiday Inn.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

There have been minor changes to the fence line at the Rennie's Isle junction at Ocean Drive to allow hard landscaping works.

In addition, there will be temporary restrictions in place for vehicles from the week commencing 19 September 2022 to allow surfacing works to commence. This will include a temporary closure of the junction on Friday 23 September 2022 for approximately four hours from 9am. Once completed the junction will re-open.

OLE Foundation works are expected to commence on the south side of Ocean Drive by the Queen's Quay Development during September 2022. Direct notification with affected properties will be carried out in the coming week.

In addition, track works continue in the area.

Stevedore Place

Track and tram stop works are continuing with the foundation works on the tram stop now complete. The fit out of the tram stop, including furniture, is expected to commence during September.

Traffic management arrangements have changed to allow road surfacing and footpath works to take place over the coming weeks.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Attenuation pipe works at Tower Street are scheduled to be completed in the coming months. The road will remain closed. Access to Tower Street remains from The Shore.

In order to facilitate system infrastructure works in this section, there will be localised traffic management and small sites installed from 12 September 2022. This is scheduled to last approximately two weeks and will include some out of hours working.

Surfacing works between the old casino building and the entrance to Tower Street Industrial Estate is scheduled to take place w/c 19 September 2022.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Preparations to enable system infrastructure works, including cable pulling, will take place in this section under small localised sites. These sites will be installed from 12 September 2022 and are scheduled to take approximately two weeks.

There will be a requirement to put in place parking restrictions on the parking bay on the east side of Constitution Street, between Mitchell Street and Queen Charlotte Street from Monday the 12 September 2022 for approximately three days.

Further updates will be made through the project's communications channels.

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

Works are progressing in this section with ongoing changes to pedestrian footways to facilitate hard landscaping and surfacing works.

The one remaining OLE base has been excavated adjacent to The Chop House to allow the required water diversion to take place.

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 Foot of the Walk (FoTW)

Works on the South Leith Parish Church (SLPC) wall continue along with footpath works. Public realm works are ongoing between Coatfield Lane and the entrance to SLPC . Installation of tram stop furniture at the FoTW stop is scheduled to start in the coming weeks.



Leith Walk

With the street lighting now incorporated into the OLE poles in the central reservation, the project is working with Scottish Power Energy Network (SPEN) to finalise a programme to remove the old lampposts located on the footways and newly created cycleways. This will involve the creation of small works sites to allow SPEN to disconnect power to the lampposts, arrange for their removal, followed by reinstatement. 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 and the concrete pour completed.

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. Ducting work at Lorne Street will be required which will result in changes to pedestrian footways. Access to properties will be maintained. From Saturday 10 September 2022 there will be weekend working until the end of October 2022 within the newly constructed substation at 165 Leith Walk to accommodate system infrastructure works. Minimal disruption is expected as these works are non-intrusive.

Balfour Street to Pilrig Street

Hard landscaping and surfacing works continue in this section with minor adjustments being made to fence lines. Pedestrian access and property access will be maintained. The junction of Dalmeny Street and Leith Walk will remain closed to allow surfacing and reinstatement works to continue. This section is expected to open to city-bound traffic late September 2022 with the majority of heras fencing being removed. This will see traffic heading south crossing over from the west side to the east side of Leith Walk, north of the Balfour Street junction. Vehicles will continue to be able to exit Balfour Street and turn right heading south. In addition, vehicles will be able to turn left into Dalmeny Street from Leith Walk and left out of Dalmeny Street onto Leith Walk. Please note, the carriage way on the west side from Pilrig Street to Balfour Street will close to vehicles with access to Arthur Street via Balfour Street or Pilrig Street. Public realm works at the Iona Street / Leith Walk junction are ongoing.

Pilrig Street to Annandale / Montgomery Street

The emergency Scottish Water works at Croall Place are ongoing.

The first tram shelter on the route has been installed at the McDonald Road tram stop and reinstatement works are scheduled to be completed during September 2022.

The Brunswick Street / Leith Walk junction will remain closed until further notice in order to continue a review of its operation.

Access to the east of the city will be via Leith Walk and left onto London Road.

Hard landscaping works are progressing from Annandale Street and Gayfield Place. To accommodate these works the north junction at Gayfield Square was closed on Monday 5th September for approximately two weeks. Vehicles will be able to exit Gayfield Square via East London Street during this period. On completion of works, the north junction will reopen, and the south junction will close for approximately two weeks. Entry to Gayfield Square will be via East London Street during this period. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Once works have been completed across this junction, it will re-open.

York Place to London Road

Project works have commenced between Blenheim Place and Greenside Lane with arrangements expected to be in place until November 2022. There are three sequences of traffic management which will enable main infrastructure and landscaping works to be undertaken.

We have started the second sequence of carriageway works.

Once completed, footway works will commence which are scheduled to start September 2022.

Direct notification to affected businesses will take place ahead of these starting.

Street Lighting update

As part of the Trams to Newhaven Project the street lighting in the area is being upgraded. As a result we are required to apply street lighting apparatus to certain properties along the route.

Those properties affected have been notified directly.

These works are scheduled to commence from w/c 12 and 19 September 2022 with all activities being undertaken using a cherry picker to access the external façade only.

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SPEND YOUR VOUCHER



The redemption period for the itison vouchers has been extended to the 31 December 2022. If you have bought vouchers you can use them at participating businesses on Leith Walk, Constitution Street and at Ocean Terminal. They are a great way of supporting businesses on the route during construction.

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