

# Next phase of Leith Programme starts at Foot of the Walk



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The next phase of the Leith Programme is due to get under way on Monday 16 February 2015, focusing on upgrading the junction at the Foot of the Walk.

Contractors MacLay Civil Engineering Ltd, who are carrying out the project on the Council's behalf, have begun preparing the site for the works, which are expected to take 15 weeks to complete.

Aimed at simplifying and improving the junction, the redesign will see four improved pedestrian crossings installed at the bottom of Leith Walk, Duke Street, Great Junction Street and Constitution Street.

Once fully operational the junction will allow pedestrians to cross more easily than at present, enhancing the overall accessibility of the area in line with the design principles of the [Leith Programme](#).

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: "We've been delighted with the positive feedback we've had on how much the Leith Programme has already transformed the look and feel of Leith Walk and we know residents and businesses are keen to see the Foot of the Walk brought up to a similar standard.

"As always, every effort will be made to keep noise and

disruption to an absolute minimum and we appreciate the public's patience while this next phase of work is carried out."

Traffic management arrangements have been drawn up in order to minimise disruption to traffic flow as far as possible. These are anticipated to come into effect from Monday 16 February 2015.

Constitution Street will be closed at its junction with Leith Walk for the duration of the works and local access to this area will be via Laurie Street, Queen Charlotte Street, or Bernard Street.

Meanwhile, three-way temporary traffic lights will be in operation at the main Leith Walk junction to control traffic flow.

For details of the most up to date information regarding any bus diversions and traffic conditions affecting Leith Walk, members of the public are advised to keep an eye on Lothian Buses' [website](#) or [Twitter account](#) as well as [@edintravel](#).