

Buses on Leith Street will be diverted from 2 September

BUS CUSTOMERS URGED TO PREPARE FOR LEITH STREET CLOSURE

Lothian has announced changes to services as a result of the Leith Street closure during works to redevelop the St James Centre in Edinburgh's East End.

The city centre route will be shut to all traffic from 2 September 2017 until the summer of 2018, resulting in major diversions to some bus services. The company is urging all customers, especially regular passengers, to find out in advance how this might impact on their journey.

The main daytime services affected include the 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 19, 22, 25, 34, 45 and 49, which will follow a different route and stopping pattern. Night buses will also be affected. A number of other services will follow their normal route and stopping pattern, but with a minor diversion.

Sarah Boyd, Operations Director at Lothian, said: "With less than a month to go before the road closes, we strongly encourage customers to plan their journey in advance using our mobile app. Information on all services affected is also available on bus, on our website and through our social media channels.

"There is no doubt that this will have a significant impact on our services and customers but we've worked extremely hard to minimise this. We thank our customers for their understanding and patience during the redevelopment of the centre."

The Lothian app offers journey planning tools and real-time service updates, all integrated with Google Maps. Following a recent upgrade, it is also now available in 11 languages. It can be downloaded from tfeapp.com.

Lothian are also introducing changes to some services from Sunday 3 September, incorporating the Leith Street closure along with minor timetables changes. Full information can be on its website www.lothianbuses.co.uk.

Lothian will provide information on buses, at bus stops and through its social media channels, including updates throughout the construction works.

