

Edinburgh Trams – essential engineering works begin next weekend

Engineering works will take place later this month resulting in changes to evening and early morning tram services.

Essential works are required to replace tracks and points at York Place and Shandwick Place, now used for nine years, while at the same time maintenance checks to the overhead line equipment will take place on the recently extended network to Newhaven.

The works will commence at 7pm on Friday 27 October and will run until 7am on Sunday 12 November. Work will be carried out during a 12-hour window each night, from 7pm to 7am.

During these times, for the duration of the works, trams will only be able to run between Edinburgh Airport and the Haymarket stop. This means that there will be no services to any stops between West End and Newhaven after 7pm for a period.

During the day a full tram service to all stops will run as usual from every 7 minutes.

To help customers complete their journeys during the overnight closures, ticket acceptance will be in place on some Lothian bus services, and to connect with the tram for onward travel between Haymarket and the Airport.

Andy Conway, Edinburgh Trams Head of Engineering, commented: "As part of our scheduled maintenance programme we will be changing tracks and points on two key sections of the line for the first time since the start of operations in 2014. This will ensure the safety and reliability of future tram services.

"We will also use this works period to conduct a full maintenance check on some parts of the vital operating equipment on the new section of our network to Newhaven.

"Works have been timed to conclude ahead of what is expected to be a busy Christmas period and our Customer Experience team will be available on Twitter, at help points and via the live chat, to offer travel advice."

Ticket Acceptance on Lothian buses:

During the works period after 7pm and before 7am, tram tickets can be used on certain Lothian routes:

3, 4, 33 and 44 from Haymarket (Dalry Road) – West End – Princes Street

25 from Haymarket (Dalry Road) – West End – Princes Street – Leith Walk – Foot of the Walk

16 from Princes Street – Picardy Place – Leith Walk – The Shore – Newhaven

No other services will accept tram tickets for free travel, including the AIRLINK 100 to Edinburgh Airport.

For more information from Edinburgh Trams, contact the Communications Team at communications@edinburghtrams.com

Edinburgh Trams is the award-winning operator of the city's tramway. Services began operating on 31st May 2014 on the route between Edinburgh Airport and St Andrew Square, and later

towards Leith, Ocean Terminal, and Newhaven. For more information see www.edinburghtrams.com



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Picture Alan Simpson

Nine years after the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry was ordered by First Minister Alex Salmond Lord Hardie has issued his report which has cost £13.1 million.

The four volume report contains criticisms of several organisations whose acts or omissions were principally responsible for the failure to deliver the Edinburgh Trams Project on time, within budget and to the extent projected.