

North Bridge – traffic moving to other carriageway

The traffic management on North Bridge will change next week, and will move from the east to the west side of the bridge with the Scotsman pedestrian crossing maintained.

Alterations to traffic will be completed by 21 February. The council say this will not affect traffic flow as two-way traffic will be retained with pedestrian access. To allow the change to take place there will be full closures to traffic between 8pm and 6am on Monday (19) and Tuesday (20) February, with signed diversions in place.

The new layout will allow the team to undertake finishing works to the east side footpaths which include new bus stops and real time passenger information posts. It will also create an area for setting up a crane to facilitate the cast iron façade reinstallation among other activities that will be underway below the bridge.

Councillor Scott Arthur, Transport and Environment Convener, said: “This change in traffic management on North Bridge is something of a milestone for the project, as it marks the completion of much of the work on the top deck of the bridge. It will allow the finishing touches to be put to the east side of the road and pavement, and soon will provide space for the installation of the bridge’s iconic cast iron façade.

“Some of the most recent ‘behind-the-scenes’ pictures I’ve seen of the project show just how complex an effort it has been, and as we approach completion next year I’m confident in the longevity of the improvements that have been made. I’d also like to thank all those who live, work and trade nearby for their patience throughout this major, once-in-a-lifetime scheme.

“Like me, I am sure they will be looking forward to these works being fully completed. In the interim, I can’t wait to enjoy the view of Edinburgh Castle again from the west side of the bridge.”



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