

Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Trams are timetabled in Leith and Newhaven in Spring 2023. To date more than 60% of tram track has been laid (2.8km), 85% of the necessary utility diversions have been carried out, and main construction work is complete on two new tram stops at McDonald Road and Ocean Terminal.

York Place Tram Stop.

As part of the next stage of construction the temporary tram stop at York Place will be decommissioned and removed to allow for the installation of a crossover linking the existing line with the new route. From 9 February 2022 until April 2022 the tram from Edinburgh Airport will stop at the West End, until April 2022. From April 2022 the tram will then terminate at St Andrew Square, until the new stop at Picardy Place becomes operational when the line to Newhaven opens. Details of the operational arrangements for this are available on the Edinburgh Trams website.

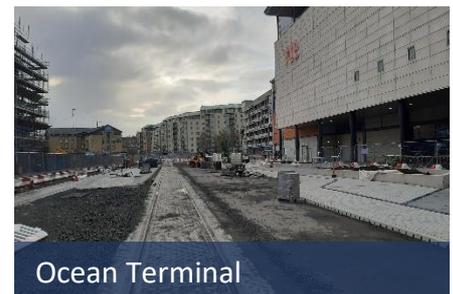
Newhaven to Melrose Drive

Main infrastructure works are ongoing and progressing well within this area.

Parking restrictions are in place on Lindsay Road to enable north lane carriageway and associated tram works to continue and are expected to last 4 to 6 weeks before south bound carriageway works start.

Track installation is progressing well within the Melrose Drive section of works.

In the coming weeks construction will commence from the south roundabout on Ocean Drive to Melrose Drive. This will require further traffic management changes which will be advised through the project's digital platforms. Direct notifications will be distributed to local affected parties.



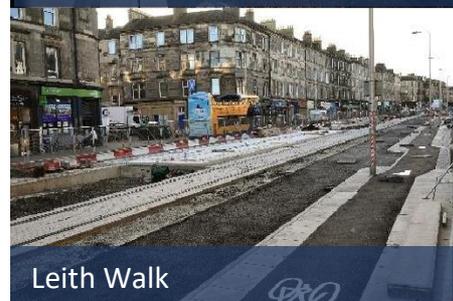
Ocean Terminal



Rennie's Isle



Constitution Street



Leith Walk

Ocean Terminal

The majority of the new foot ways are now complete on the west. Landscape works on the eastern carriage way will continue to move southwards towards the Holiday Inn and are scheduled to be completed by Spring 2022.

Lothian Buses services are scheduled to run from outside Ocean Terminal from mid-February 2022. A one-way system will be introduced in the red car park and traffic will be encouraged to use the blue car park. The project is liaising with Ocean Terminal on wayfinding signs.

Site working hours will be extended at Ocean Terminal from Wednesday 2 February to Friday 4 February 2022 between the hours of 7pm - Midnight.

There will be no access to the Ocean Terminal red car park during these works.

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

Victoria Bridge is open to pedestrians and this section is due to be complete in March 2022. This will enable traffic to access CALA, Victoria Quay, and the Rennie's Isle development. Further notification will be released in the coming month.

Rennie's Isle to Tower Place

Construction works will start from Rennie's Isle to Tower Place early March 2022 with notification to local residents taking place ahead of the site establishment.

On the commencement of these works, Tower Bridge will be closed to pedestrians to allow structural works to be undertaken. These works are scheduled to be complete late Summer 2022. A pedestrian diversion route will be made maintained on Victoria Swing Bridge.

Ahead of this section of works starting, Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) foundation works are scheduled to commence in the coming weeks on the north side of Ocean Drive. Once completed, works will move to the south side. We will liaise directly with residents in the coming weeks.

Stevedore Place

On Monday 31 January 2022 track rails will be delivered to site.

To accommodate these works a small road closure will take place between 8pm and 10pm.

During these operations vehicle access will be restricted.

Constitution Place to Baltic Street

Landscaping works on the east from Genting Casino corner to Tower Street are scheduled to be completed in Spring 2022.

Reinstatement works have commenced on the Leith Dock pillars on the east side of Ocean Way which will be followed by the reinstatement on the west side.

The installation of the attenuation pipes on Tower Street is ongoing. The site was extended early January with local access arrangements in place.

Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street

Tram stop works will continue and are scheduled to be completed by the start of February 2022.

Attenuation works are continuing at Bernard Street. Temporary works to support and protect utility assets using sheet piles are expected to recommence early next week. On completion of attenuation works, further public realm works will be completed at the Baltic / Bernard Street junction..

Queen Charlotte Street to Coatfield Lane

MUS have begun ground excavation works with the clearance of any utility services and archaeological works.

Queen Charlotte Street will remain open under 2-way temporary traffic light control for east and westbound traffic until 21 February 2022. Thereafter a full closure at the junction will be implemented. This is required to allow the diversion of a large number of complex utilities in the

vicinity. To maintain traffic flow in the area, the junction of Maritime Street at Bernard Street (by Café Marmalade) will open one way heading south once the Queen Charlotte Street junction closes.

Access to and from Coatfield Lane for local access only will be via Laurie Street and Constitution Street on a 2 way temporary traffic light control for north and south bound traffic. Loading bays will be available on Queen Charlotte Street.

Coatfield Lane to Foot of The Walk (FoTW)

Landscaping works on the existing footpaths on the east side of Constitution Street has now commenced.

From Saturday 22 January 2022 our Saturday working hours will be 7am to 3pm between Laurie Street and Queen Charlotte Street, and Ocean Terminal. This is to facilitate main infrastructure works and will be in place for approximately 4 weeks.

Leith walk.

Construction is nearing completion on the west side of Leith Walk and the next phasing of works will now move to the east side.

This will result in traffic being diverted to the new road surface on the west side between Springfield Street and McDonald Road. This will enable the works on the east side, which will include the establishment of kerb lines, improved public realm, segregated cycle lane and all associated tram infrastructure works to progress.

Ahead of the new traffic management arrangements, we will start moving fence lines from the west footways on Friday 28 January 2022. Localised works will be ongoing on the bi-directional cycle lane. As a result, existing cycle diversion routes will remain in place until completion.

These works are scheduled to start from Wednesday 2 February 2022 and are expected to be completed by Summer 2022.

You can view further details and traffic management plans on the project website.

FoTW to Jane Street

Infrastructure, drainage and ducting, and hard landscaping works are ongoing with track laying to follow.



Jane Street

Works commenced at Jane Street last week for Scottish Water diversion works. To facilitate these works the Leith Walk crossing has been relocated further south between Jane Street and Steads Place.

165 Leith Walk

Substation works are continuing. This is one of the two tram substations to be constructed for the project, providing power to the tram route, and is expected to be completed by Autumn 2022. From Saturday 22 January 2022 our Saturday working hours will be 7am to 3pm between 165 Leith Walk and McDonald Road. This is to facilitate main infrastructure works and will be in place for approximately 4 weeks.

McDonald Road to Annandale Street

Hard landscaping works are ongoing on the east side of Leith Walk.

Annandale Street to London Road

A temporary bus stop will be established in this section from 9 February 2022. This change is to accommodate further landscaping works at Elm Row and associated tram infrastructure and surfacing works on the existing running lane.

Further information and to view the new arrangements in this section can be found online in addition to a drawing of the Annandale Street to London Road flip.

We will be installing a loading bay in Union Street in the coming week to assist businesses in the surrounding area. Direct communications will take place with adjacent properties and communicated via the project's main communication channels.

London Road To Picardy Place

Works continue to connect up with the existing tram line and are scheduled to be completed by Spring 2022. Work on the creation of the tram stop at Picardy Place will then commence.

Please note the exit from Broughton Street to Picardy Place remains open. Access from Picardy Place to Broughton Street will not be allowed. This is scheduled to last 16 weeks (c. May 2022).

Diversion routes are in place for traffic levelling from London Road to Picardy Place.

Further details are available on the project website.

Adjustments are being made to the traffic management in and around Picardy Place in order to improve traffic movements in the area.

Robert Burns Statue

Leith's iconic Burns statue has been returned to its home on Bernard Street.

On the morning of Burns Night (Tuesday 25 January), Council leaders, tram project officers and contractors were joined by conservationists and former Edinburgh Mayor Alan Spence to unveil the monument. They also marked the placement of a new time capsule underneath the statue, alongside an original capsule discovered in 2019, which contained relics from both the late 19th century and the 1960s. Read the article on the newly restored Burns statue on the Trams to Newhaven website.

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