



City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements – Update 20

November 2021



Project Timeline

We're delighted to report that construction of the CCWEL is set to begin in **January 2022** for approximately 18 months.

Our [Finance and Resources Committee](#) approved (7 October) awarding the construction contract to Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited (BBCEL).

By supporting people to travel by foot, bike and wheel, the CCWEL project aligns with our [City Mobility Plan 2020](#), which envisions a clean, connected and net zero carbon future. It links into several other schemes to overhaul travel to and through the city centre, including the [George Street and First New Town](#) project and [Meadows to George Street](#), both to be delivered as part of [Edinburgh City Centre Transformation](#)

Significant improvements to public spaces are planned along the route, as well as new pedestrian crossings, enhanced pavements and street trees, amongst other changes, creating a more welcoming environment for people walking or wheeling.

Communication and engagement

We'll aim to maintain accessibility during the construction period. We'll work with you throughout construction and we're currently working on a communication and engagement plan to keep you informed and to support local businesses.

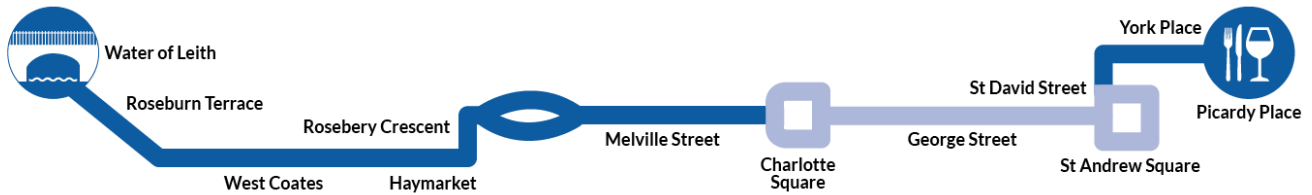
For example, an 'Open for Business Campaign' will help you and your customers plan for the construction period and keep people visiting.

Communication channels and tools include:

- Regular updates on the new CCWEL [website](#)
- Social media and online advertising
- Lamppost wraps and signs on key approaches, local signposting to parking, bike parking and amenities
- Minimising the visual impact of construction, such as using banners on temporary fencing
- Advertising and editorial in community magazines
- Leaflets and fliers for businesses to pass on to customers and for wider circulation

We'll be working with Balfour Beatty to keep you informed of key dates and construction plans and to ensure clear lines of communication.

As with all major Council construction contracts, there will be community benefits such as apprenticeships and training opportunities which will be delivered by Balfour Beatty as part of their Social Value Action Plan.



The route is designed to provide a safe and direct cycle route from Roseburn to Picardy Place and will be delivered in three sections:

- Section 1**
 Roseburn to Haymarket will introduce a two-way segregated cycleway on the north side of the A8
- Section 2**
 Haymarket to Randolph Place will introduce one-way segregated cycleways on each side of Melville Street
- Section 3**
 St Andrew Square to Picardy Place along St David Street via two-way segregated cycleways on St David Street, Queen Street and York Place.

The CCWEL does not involve delivering changes in Charlotte Square, St Andrew Square or along George Street, which are being taken forward separately.

Pre- Construction: site investigations

We're already carrying out site investigation work and associated traffic management at key locations along the route in preparation for construction starting. This will allow assessment of conditions and utilities underground.

Site investigations are currently underway in Section 1 (Roseburn Terrace, West Coates and Haymarket Terrace) and Section 2 (The Crescents, Manor Place, Palmerston Place, Melville Street and Randolph Place).

This site investigation work started in September this year and is expected to finish by the end of November.

Our enabling works contractor, Balfour Beatty, is coordinating traffic management and access of residents to buildings and shops.

More information

We will continue to keep you updated on developments through the Project Updates and the project webpage at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/ccwel

For further information on the CCWEL project please contact Eileen Hewitt on 469 3502 or ccwel@edinburgh.gov.uk

Please also use these contact details if you wish to be added to or removed from the mailing list, or to have your data amended.



Data Protection

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