

The Owner/Occupier

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Dear Owner/Occupier,

Road Reconstruction Works at St Mary's Street – Further Information

Further to our previous letter regarding the planned reconstruction works on St Mary's Street, we are writing to provide further information on the programme of works, traffic management arrangements and what these works will mean for residents, businesses and visitors to the area.

The works are currently planned to be delivered in three phases, starting 21 September 2026, to allow the work to be undertaken safely while managing the impact on the surrounding area.

Programme of works

The current programme is as follows:

Phase	Location	Proposed Dates
1	High St to Boyd's Entry	21 September 2026 – 31 October 2026
2	Across Boyd's Entry	2 November 2026 – 18 December 2026
3	Boyd's Entry to Cowgate	4 January 2027 – 27 March 2027

The above dates are currently anticipated dates and may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, weather conditions, site conditions or other factors associated with the works. We will provide updates should there be any significant changes to the programme.

Traffic management

To allow the works to be undertaken safely, temporary traffic management measures will be required throughout the construction period.

While pedestrian access to the area will be maintained at all times, restrictions will be placed on vehicle access, with St Mary's Street being closed to through traffic from 21 September.

To assist local vehicle movements, the current one-way system on Blackfriars Street will temporarily be suspended. The street will operate as a two-way road while the works are underway.

Parking restrictions

Temporary parking restrictions will be introduced to make sure the work is done safely, with on-street signage providing details of specific restrictions.

These restrictions are necessary to provide sufficient space for the safe operation of construction vehicles and equipment and to allow the works to progress efficiently. We appreciate that the temporary loss of parking may cause inconvenience and ask residents, businesses and visitors to observe the restrictions.

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Alternative parking provision

As part of the works, Boyd's Entry will be closed to vehicular traffic during Phase 2, which we recognise may have an impact on residents and businesses who currently use this area for parking or access. We are currently considering arrangements for alternative parking provision during this Phase and will provide further information once these arrangements have been confirmed.

Waste collection

Council waste collections will continue as normal, however, some on-street bins may be relocated around the works.

Working hours

Works are expected to take place between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Occasionally, work outside these hours may be necessary where required for safety, to maintain the programme, or to minimise disruption to traffic and the surrounding area. Where possible, advance notice will be provided.

Access for businesses and deliveries

We recognise the importance of maintaining access for local businesses and residents, particularly for deliveries, collections, servicing and short-term drop-off requirements.

Space for loading within St Mary's Street will be provided where safe to do so, however, access arrangements may change as the works progress. We would ask that suppliers and delivery companies who need access to your premises are aware of the restrictions.

These areas should be used for short-term loading, unloading and drop-off only.

Construction activity

Residents and businesses should be aware that the works will involve construction vehicles, plant and equipment operating within the area. There may be increased levels of noise, dust, vibration and vehicle movements at certain times.

Every effort will be made to minimise these impacts and to keep disruption to a minimum.

Keeping you informed

A council representative will be on-site during the work to monitor progress and provide assistance and information to residents and businesses.

We will continue to provide updates as the works progress, including information on any significant changes to the programme or traffic management arrangements.

If you have any specific queries, please do not hesitate to contact the site team directly or email us at transport.designservice@edinburgh.gov.uk

We'll be in touch with more information before each phase starts, and information is also available on our website at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/stmarysstreet

We appreciate that carrying out these works in a busy city-centre environment will inevitably cause some disruption and thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation while these essential works are undertaken.

Yours faithfully

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