

# Developments on Rauðarárstígur by Veitur and Reykjavík

Construction work for the renewal of pipes is scheduled to begin soon in the area from Rauðarárstígur, from Bríetartún to Hlemmur. After this is done, work will begin to transform the street into a beautiful eco-street.

The work is scheduled to commence in the second half of June and be completed in the spring of 2023. Unfortunately, this will entail some disruption for residents and businesses in the area. Car traffic will be closed off as soon as construction begins, but sidewalks and walking paths will be kept open.

As much of Rauðarárstígur sits on top of solid rock, this will need to be broken up, and the contractor will have the option of using both blasting and drilling. Explosions will be used to improve progress and shorten the time taken by the construction work. Noise can be expected during working hours for approximately three months or from the end of June until the end of September, but this schedule will be clearer as soon as the contractor's work schedule is available.

## Road closures and detours

Rauðarárstígur will be closed off for driving traffic from Bríetartún to Hverfisgata.

1. Drivers going to Hlemmur can detour straight east on Laugavegur at Katrínartún.
2. Drivers going west on Bríetartún to Snorrabraut, detour via Þórunnartún and Borgartún.
3. Drivers coming from Snorrabraut on their way east on Bríetartún, detour via Borgartún.

The change will mean that Strætó bus routes number 16 and 17 will no longer stop by Rauðarárstíg, moving the bus-stop to Hlemmur Mathöll.

**More information about this project can be found here:**

An article on the subject (In Icelandic):

<https://reykjavik.is/frettir/framkvaemdir-reykjavikurborgar-og-veitna-raudararstig>

Information page about the Hlemmur area (in Icelandic)

<https://reykjavik.is/hlemmur>

Sincerely,

Veitur's and City of Reykjavík's staff.