

Avenues

Programme Progress Report

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We're making Glasgow greener, better connected, and a great place to live and do business.

The Avenues

Glasgow city centre is undergoing its biggest upgrade in half a century. The Avenues project aims to make Glasgow more popular, vibrant and attractive for investment by developing a city centre where more people spend time, trade and live.

This project will transform the city centre with more people-friendly spaces, safer streets for walking, wheeling and cycling, and better public transport links. Sixteen of Glasgow city centre's streets are being redesigned into Avenues. A full revamp of George Square is included in the Avenues programme.

The Avenues will provide:

- A boost for business: more welcoming public spaces will bring in more visitors, attract developers and investors and improve the city centre economy.
- A better-connected city centre: sustainable transport such as walking, wheeling, cycling and public will have priority on the Avenues. New cycle lanes will connect the heart of Glasgow to the broader cycling network being developed throughout the city. Wider pavements will make the city centre environment safer for walking and wheeling by people with disabilities or children in buggies. Redesigned bus routes will make bus travel to and from the city centre quicker and easier.
- Greening the city: new trees, with root spaces large enough so they will thrive for future decades, will support local wildlife, provide shade in summer and help the city centre cope with the effects of climate change. A mix of trees that includes lime, plane, elm, hornbeam, acer and birch will be used. Rain gardens will also help manage rainwater runoff, further supporting biodiversity.
- Making the city a great place to live: a more welcoming, people friendly city centre will support our plan to grow the city's population to 40,000 by 2035. The aim is to build new homes and bring in the services people need such as doctors' surgeries.

The Avenues is just the start of this important journey. Investing in our streets is an important part of Glasgow's wider regeneration.

Projects in design

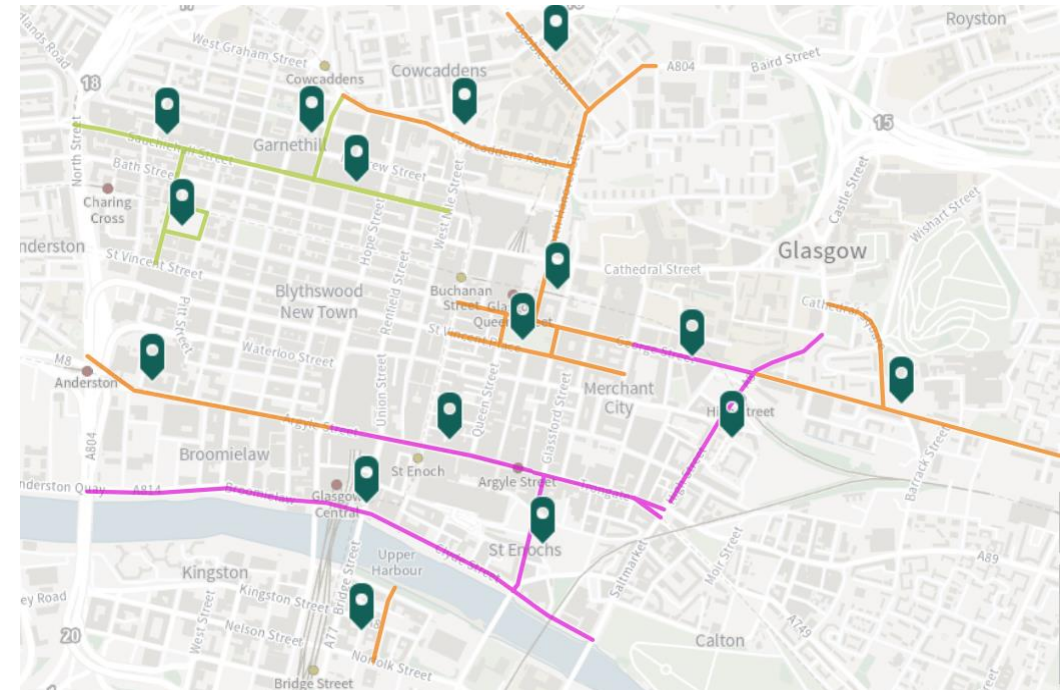
- Argyle Street East
- Broomielaw/Clyde Street
- George Street
- High Street
- Stockwell Street

Projects in construction

- Argyle Street West
- Cowcaddens Road
- Dobbies Loan
- Duke Street/John Knox Street
- George Square

Projects completed

- Sauchiehall Street Pilot
- Cambridge Street
- Holland Street/Pitt Street
- Sauchiehall Precinct



Avenue	Update	Estimated completion	Any change to previous listed timescales
Argyle Street West	Works are progressing between Cadzow Street and James Watt Street with a full carriageway closure in place until 10 November 2025. Following the completion of this section a full closure between James Watt St and York Street will then be implemented to facilitate works until 15 December 2025. Works are continuing under the Hielanman's Umbrella, with delays being experienced as a result of the limited depth available due to the proximity of the low-level rail tunnel. Works have also commenced on the southeast corner of the Hope St/Argyle St/Oswald St junction The planned carriageway closure between York Street/West Campbell Street was postponed due to the diversion route being impacted by the building collapse on Broomielaw and will now take place following the current closures. Any impact to programme is currently under assessment.	Completion February 2026	No change
George Square and Surrounding Avenues	Within the Square, works have started to construct the statue plinths in their new locations. The restoration team have competed works to bronze elements that could not be removed from site and continue with restoration activity on the statues at the offsite workshop. Discussion have now commenced to agree the scaffolding design to allow works to commence on Sir Water Scott, and the assessment of the Cenotaph is underway. The main public realm contract continues to progress at pace with works outside the City Chambers frontage, southern section now complete. Works to the City Chambers frontage (northern section) have commenced and will be completed by end of November. Note that the strip running parallel to the current hoarding line at the City Chambers frontage will be completed as part of the internal works after the hoarding has moved back. Works have also commenced along the west side of the Square with excavations progressing to facilitate laying of slabs. Businesses have been advised, and the team continues to actively liaise. On West George Street, the contractor has now completed the north footway between Buchanan Street and Queen Street Station with the bus stop now fully operational. A small area adjacent to Buchanan Street required the removal of a phone box and this is currently being discussed with BT. Works are also now progressing on the northern footway between Queen Street Station and North Frederick Street with construction to be completed before the end of December.	Phase 1 (main Square) – August 2026 Phase 2 (surrounds) – April 2027	No change

Construction *(continued)*

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Duke Street & John Knox Street	On the south side of Duke Street, pavement construction is continuing between High Street and John Knox Street, and between Bellgrove Street and Melbourne Street. On the east and west of John Knox Street adjacent to Cathedral Square sandstone slabs have now been laid on the footpaths and works on the remaining sections down to Duke Street are currently being progressed with the construction of Caithness footways. The carriageway closure around the junction of Duke St/John Knox Street, which was a result of Scottish Water works and then Scottish Gas works, have now been completed and the area handed back to the public realm contractor.	Completion April 2026	No change
South Portland Street	On the west side of South Portland Street, between Carlton Place and Carlton Court, raingarden construction is underway, along with footway and cycle lane construction. Some delays have been experienced during the construction of raingardens due to there being substantial amounts of concrete in the existing road construction that required to be excavated. On the west side of South Portland Street between Oxford Street and Norfolk Street excavations are underway along with lighting works and drainage works. Works are now progressing at the junction of Corburg Street and Norfolk Street and require work to an existing basement. Trees removed from the central reservation have been provided to a local charity for the timber to be utilised to create seating.	Completion May 2026	No change
Cowcaddens Road and Dobbies Loan	A westbound lane closure on Cowcaddens Road between Port Dundas Road and North Hanover Street Works is in place to facilitate works on the north side of the street with the majority of footway works now complete on the southside. Works are also underway at the junction of Cowcaddens Rd/North Hanover St to ensure a seamless finish. Hope Street is now closed at its junction with Cowcaddens Road to facilitate works to lay setts in the carriageway with Cowcaddens Road reduced to a single lane in each direction. At the secondary site at Dobbies Loan, works are progressing along the north footway from Milton Street toward the junction with North Hanover Street.	Completion April 2026	No change

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North Hanover and Kyle Street Avenues	The upgraded signalised junction of North Hanover St/Cathedral St is now fully operational with traffic operating effectively. The footway on the west side of North Hanover Street between Cathedral St and Killermont street is also now complete, along with associated layby. Rain gardens on Kyle Street between Baird Street and Coupar Street have been excavated and drainage installed, with tree location options being assessed in the context of underground services. Works are also underway to facilitate a new Toucan crossing near the North Wallace Street junction. Footway works on the west side of North Hanover Street between Killermont St and Cowcaddens Rd works have now commenced and will be in place for 7 weeks. The connection to the Cowcaddens Rd Avenue is also being constructed to ensure a seamless finish.	Completion November 2026	No change

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