Avenues

Programme Progress Report

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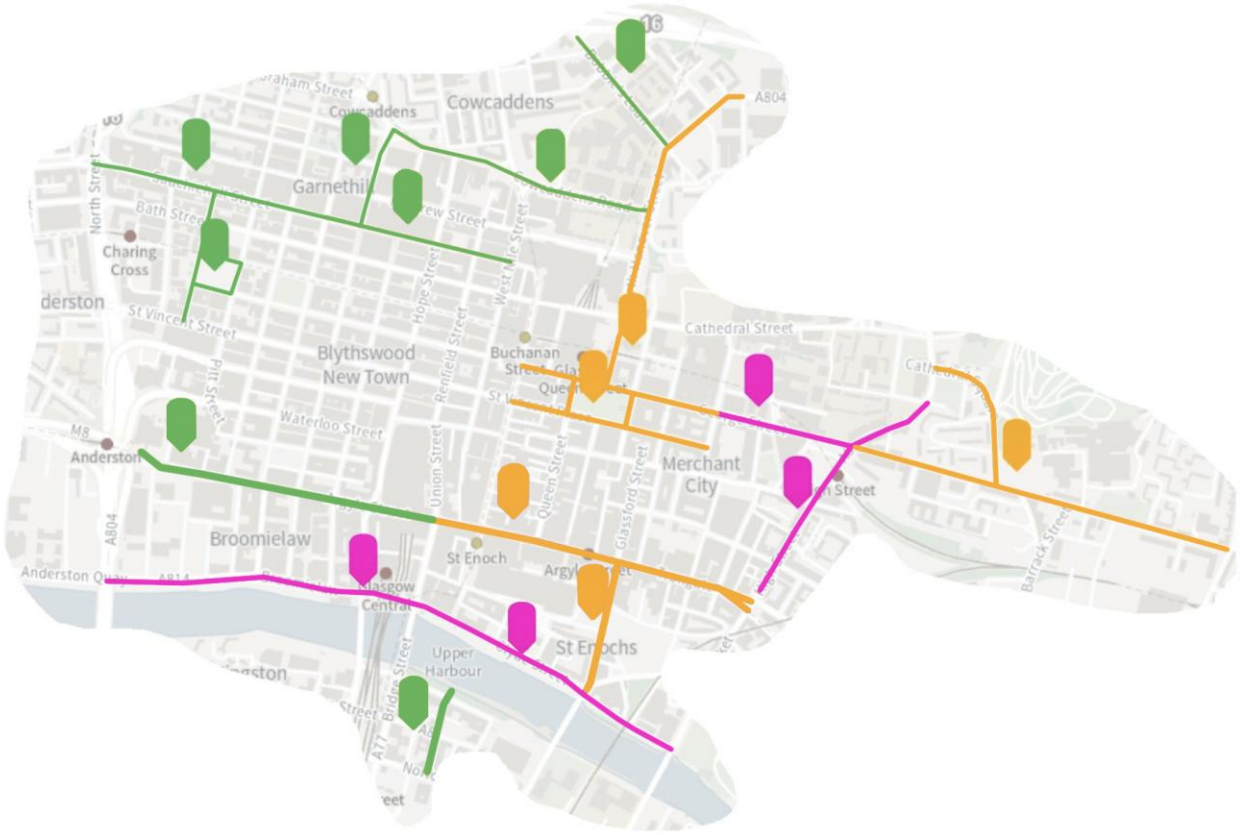
South Portland Street Avenue
Completed August 2026

Overview - status

Avenues in construction	Estimated Completion Date
George Square (main Square)	Due to complete October/November 2026
North Hanover Street and Kyle Street	Due to complete November 2026
Duke Street and John Knox Street	Due to complete December 2026
Stockwell Street	Due to complete December 2027
Argyle Street East	Due to complete Spring 2029

Avenues in design	Avenues completed	
Clyde Street	Cambridge Street	Argyle Street West
High Street	Holland Street/Pitt Street	South Portland Street
George Street	Sauchiehall Street Pilot	
Broomielaw	Sauchiehall Precinct	
	Cowcaddens Road	
	Dobbies Loan	



Avenue	Update	Estimated completion	Any change to previous listed timescales
George Square and Surrounding Avenues	Within the Square, work continues to progress at pace with all lighting columns now in place and infrastructure being installed to support the Square during the Christmas period. Paving is also progressing at pace within the main Square, with the west side now largely complete, allowing focus to shift to the east side around the Cenotaph following the formation of the green areas either side of the monument, the raised lawn to its west, and delineation kerbs. Restoration works are now complete on Sir Walter Scott monument and pointing of the Cenotaph is complete to head height. Landscaping work across the Square has commenced with areas along the south side now turfed and shrub planting completed around the Cenotaph.. The raised lawn platform is completing construction with a temporary event surface in place until New Year. Furniture is being installed across the Square. On the southern side of the Square, the footway is largely complete with just the section at Hanover Street outstanding. Laying of setts on the main south carriageway is now complete and grouted with only the junction areas and cycle lanes outstanding. Final works to the carriageway will progress through November/December with full pedestrian access expected from late November. With curing times it is expected that vehicle access will be permitted in late December, with the Queen Street Junction expected to reopen to traffic in advance of that. Areas of the Square are being made available at the start of November for Remembrance events, after which works will continue on the outstanding elements of the internal Square, including the Christmas event overlay which will progress until mid-November on east and west sides of the Square. Full public access to the central Square is expected from mid-November. There may be some localised fencing from mid-November into December around areas still to be completed, with delays due to weather-related and construction-related factors. The final section of this project will be completion of the south carriageway by end of year. Thereafter, the programme for the next part of the redevelopment will be confirmed, for the next phase of Avenues encompassing North Hanover Street (George Square to Cathedral Street), George Street (George Square to Montrose Street) and Cochrane Street (Montrose Street to George Square).	**Phase 1 (main Square) – October/ November 2026**	No Change

Construction *(continued)*

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Duke Street & John Knox Street Avenues	**Duke Street:** Works are progressing across multiple sections of Duke Street. Between Melbourne Street and Bellgrove Street, carriageway resurfacing is scheduled for November/December 2026, with final footway surfacing to be completed in conjunction with the remaining outstanding sections. Rain garden planting is scheduled for November 2026. Between Havannah Street and Duke Street Car Park, carriageway surfacing is scheduled for completion in early November, with final footway surfacing to follow alongside the other sections. Footway construction between Duke Street Car Park and Hunter Street is due to commence in November 2026. At Havannah Street Junction, kerbing works are complete, with final carriageway surfacing in progress. Works at the Tennents Brewery entrance have been delayed pending completion of third-party SPEN works to minimise disruption and avoid abortive works. Construction is anticipated to commence on 9 November, with the contractor working closely with Tennents Brewery to maintain access throughout. **John Knox Street:** Works are progressing at several junctions and along the eastern footway. At Ladywell Street, sett installation for the raised table is complete, and the junction has reopened to vehicular access. Excavation works are ongoing at Wishart Street Junction. At the Drygate Brewing Co. junction, sett installation is complete, with final footway paving in progress and scheduled for completion in early November. Final paving along the eastern footway between Ladywell and Drygate is also due to be completed in early November. Between Drygate and Duke Street, kerbing installation is nearing completion, with footway paving scheduled to commence shortly.	**Substantial completion December 2026** **Section in front of Tennants Brewery to complete February 2027**	No change
Argyle Street East Avenue	There are four sections of works within this Avenue, of which two are currently underway. **Section 2: Queen St to Glassford St**. Works are progressing along the Precinct with works in the final stages between Miller Street and Virgina Street and commencing between Virgina Street and Glassford Street. The section between Queen Street and Miller Street is just awaiting the final surface for the new eastbound bus lane and street furniture to be installed which will be the final elements to be completed in this section . Where works are complete within this area footways have been opened up to maximise pedestrian movement. **Section 3: Glassford St to Glasgow Cross**. Works are progressing between Hutcheson St and Candleriggs and are currently focused on the north side of the carriageway. Bus stops in this section have been temporally suspended with the eastbound bus stop at Candleriggs has been closed to accommodate the works with a temporary stop provided further east. Unfortunately, a void has been discovered on the south side of Trongate just outside the former TJ Hughes store which has resulted in a westbound closure between Albion St and Stockwell Street. This void is not associated with the Avenues work, however the Council's contractor has been instructed to assist to ensure a quick resolution.	**Section 2: January 2027** **Section 3: Spring 2029**	No change

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North Hanover and Kyle Street Avenues	Kyle Street from Baird Street to Dobbies Loan, east side: planting is completed within rain gardens – maintenance of raingardens ongoing as per maintenance schedule. North Wallace Street works completed; however, closure at the junction with Baird Street remains in place until such time that all materials and spoil stored within the area have been removed – Programmed to be reopened week commencing 16th November 2026. Kyle Street from Baird Street to Dobbies Loan, west side: all civils works completed and cycle lane has been prepared for surfacig from Baird Street to the Dobbie's Loan tie-in area. All rain gardens are completed and await planting which is programmed for November. All works completed on North Hanover Street with the exception of rain garden planting and lighting column replacements. Carriageway resurfacing on Kyle Street commenced on 26th October and is programmed for completion on 31st October. Carriageway resurfacing at the Dobbie's Loan junction is programmed to commence on 2nd November and be completed on 6th November. Road signs and poles are being installed with all signage to be in place (with the exception of signage fixed to new lighting columns) by 30th October. Lighting column replacements programmed to commence on 2nd November until 13th November (subject to relevant approvals). New traffic signal installations at the North Hanover Street / Cowcaddens Road junction commenced on 20th October and will be completed on 30th October.	**Completion November 2026**	No change
Stockwell Street Avenue	The Stockwell Street Avenue works commenced on Monday 10 August 2026. Phase 1 of the works is between Trongate and Osborne Street with the eastern footway complete. Work has started on the western footway with kerbs being laid. The footways in phase 1 are expected to complete mid-December when the works will move to phase 2 between Howard St and Bridgegate. All carriageways will be resurfaced towards the end of the programme. The void discovered in Stockwell St outwith the current works area has been repaired by Hillhouse Group on behalf of the	**Completion December 2027**	No change

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.

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