

Avenues

Programme Progress Report

July 2026





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Cowcaddens Road Avenue
Completed May 2026

Overview - status

Projects in construction	Estimated Completion Date
Argyle Street West	Due to complete August 2026
Duke Street and John Knox Street	Due to complete September 2026
South Portland Street	Due to complete August 2026
George Square (main Square)	Due to complete October 2026
North Hanover Street and Kyle Street	Due to complete November 2026
Argyle Street East	Due to complete Spring 2029

Projects in design	Preparing for Construction	Projects completed
• High Street • George Street • Broomielaw • Clyde Street	• Stockwell Street	• Sauchiehall Street Pilot • Cambridge Street • Holland Street/Pitt Street • Sauchiehall Precinct • Cowcaddens Road • Dobbies Loan



Avenue	Update	Estimated completion	Any change to previous listed timescales
Argyle Street West Avenue	Scottish Water emergency works at the Hielanman's Umbrella (between Hope Street and Union Street) were completed in June, enabling the Argyle Street West Avenue contractor to complete carriageway and cycle lane resurfacing and other reinstatements along this section. Scottish Water have completed emergency works on the section of Argyle Street between Hope Street and Wellington Street, with Argyle Street re-opening to traffic in advance of the Commonwealth Games. Works on kerbing, footways and tactile paving at the Hope Street junction (Oswald Street, Hope Street and Argyle Street) have been completed. New traffic signals, carriageway surfacing and road markings on the Hope Street junction will take place after the Commonwealth Games. Temporary traffic signals are in operation at this location until after the Commonwealth Games.	Completion August 2026	No Change
George Square and Surrounding Avenues	Works to West George Street and the northern side of the Square are largely concluded, with the north carriageway now open to traffic. Traffic can now travel eastwards through to George Street and north via North Hanover Street. North Frederick Street access from George Square has also now opened with minor works still to be completed outside Flight Club. The new rain gardens have been planted up along the north carriageway, and a helpful guide has been published to explain why these new areas of surface water management and greening infrastructure have been introduced: Trees/Plants - Glasgow City Council On the southern side of the Square, trial pits have been completed and reviewed to determine the best kerb line location around the Queen Street/George Square junction. These have confirmed the requirement to move the kerb line further north, which will increase pedestrian space and reduce carriageway width. This will also necessitate the removal of the existing bus stop, noting there is another stance a short distance away at St Vincent Place. Laying of setts on the south carriageway is also well underway with the closure of the Queen Street junction scheduled for 4 August 2026 to facilitate the construction of the junction. Within the Square, work continues on the excavation and foundations of the new lighting infrastructure, which will require adjustments to the boundary hoarding to accommodate the works. Work also continues with utility providers to resolve issues with various chambers found underneath the Square. Restoration works are now complete on Sir Walter Scott monument and only cleaning and pointing of the Cenotaph remains. Project completion has been revised in recognition of the complexities involved in delivering high quality civic and heritage outcomes, with full reopening planned for the end of October 2026.	Phase 1 (main Square) – October 2026 Phase 2 (surrounds) – Autumn 2027	These dates have changed from August and April

Construction (continued)

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Duke Street & John Knox Street Avenues	<u>Duke Street:</u> Melbourne St to Bellgrove St - Raingarden works are continuing with the installation of kerbing, pedestrian crossings, raingarden drainage and initial soil fill. Havannah St to Duke Street Car Park - Excavation of raingardens has begun following trial pit investigations. Kerbing and drainage works have begun and are progressing without issue. <u>John Knox St:</u> Junction works (raised table) at Cathedral square have now been completed and the road reopened to vehicular traffic. Junction works (raised table) in progress at the lower entrance to Drygate. Road closure currently with a diversion in place via the upper entrance of Drygate. Ladywell – Drygate, eastern footway – A void has been infilled and made safe, with wall units now in place. Kerbing is continuing to the entrance of Drygate Brewery and onto Ladywell St.	Under Review – due to impact of third-party voids / utilities	TBC
South Portland Street Avenue	<u>South Portland Street:</u> Carlton Place to Oxford Street – surfacing of cycle lanes, planting of rain gardens, carriageway resurfacing and installation of street furniture completed. Oxford Street to Norfolk Street – footway surfacing completed, street furniture installed and traffic signal works. <u>Norfolk Street:</u> surfacing of cycle lanes, carriageway resurfacing, traffic signal works and installation of traffic signs completion.	Completion August 2026	1-month delay
Argyle Street East Avenue	Works commenced between Queen Street and Millar Street on 16 June. In advance of the works an extensive stakeholder and neighbour engagement exercise and comms plan has been launched, with close liaison to continue throughout the project, including with the Let’s Go Glasgow Business Improvement District (BID), which went live in April 2026. This liaison will aim to ensure retailers and other neighbouring businesses are properly supported during the works. Works are progressing at pace with kerbs installed to delineate the bus/taxi lane eastbound through the Precinct. Preparations are also underway for the next phase of works between Hutcheson St and Candleriggs, which will start in early August after the Commonwealth Games.	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. 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 – Glasgow City Council is liaising with contractor on the removal date. Kyle Street from Baird Street to Dobbies Loan, west side: works within the area from Baird Street to Stafford Street are complete with over half of the setts installed over the Stafford Street junction – remaining half to be completed by mid-August. The contractor is progressing within the area outside of the Canvas student accommodation between Stafford Street and the BMW / Mini dealership. Cycle lane also up to base surfacing layer from Baird Street to Stafford Street. North Hanover Street from Cowcaddens Road to Dobbies Loan, east side: works progressing with footways complete up to the south arm of Dobbie’s Loan. Bus stop area now formed and kerb lines also in place up to south arm of Dobbie’s Loan. Rain gardens within the area have now been constructed – awaiting additional soil to complete infill. North Hanover Street from Cowcaddens Road to Dobbies Loan, west side: once guidance on tactile paving materials has been received, the contractor will complete the small section at the Glasgow Caledonian University vehicle access point on North Hanover Street, which is currently temporarily surfaced with asphalt for pedestrian users. Relocation of bus shelter on west side to be undertaken in August.	Completion November 2026	No change
Stockwell Street Avenue	The construction contract has been awarded to Hillhouse Group with works originally scheduled to commence on 23rd March. Following the Union Street fire and associated diversion routes, particularly for public transport, the works were paused until the opening of Union Street. To minimise the disruption to the public transport network in the city centre, GCC continues to work with bus operators. The Stockwell Street Avenue works will now commence on Monday 10 August 2026.	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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