



STRATHCLYDE CYCLE CAMPAIGN

Cycling in Glasgow City Centre

Go Bike has been disappointed with the lack of progress on making Glasgow City Centre more cycle-friendly and has put together a list of routes that we see as being of particular importance to cyclists. This list caters for two different types of cyclists – those that cycle on main roads and want safety improvements on those roads, and those that wish to avoid main roads and want quieter roads to cycle on – and these are shown in different colours on the map. Some routes will require more work to implement than others and routes are categorised as such below.

Go Bike would also suggest the implementation of a speed limit, such as a 15 mph advisory speed limit as can be found in Leeds City Centre, on city centre streets, particularly in main pedestrian areas such as Argyle St, Trongate, St Vincent Place, Nelson Mandela Place and Sauchiehall St, for the safety of all road users.

“Quick-fix” routes

- **Glasgow Green to Trongate:** via Glasgow Green, Greendyke St, Jocelyn Square, Mart St, (Bridgegate, Steel St, Turnbull St, Glasgow Green in opposite direction), Bridgegate, King St. Work required: short contra-flow on Bridgegate, advance stop lines. Potential for link to proposed cycle park store at Maxwell St, via Osborne St, with return via Stockwell St or perhaps contra-flow on Osborne St. Potential for link to Bell St via Candleriggs, with contra-flow on Candleriggs.
- **West Nile St to Riverside:** via Port Dundas Rd, West Nile St, Mitchell St, Argyle St, St Enoch Square, Dixon St. Work required: advance stop lines. To make Mitchell St two-way for cycles it may be possible to stop up Mitchell St at Argyle St, with posts, exempting cycles, reducing motorist/pedestrian conflict, and remove one-way restriction.
- **Mitchell Library access:** via Kent Rd. Work required: contra-flow lane on Kent Rd between North St and Cleveland St. Provides improved access to Mitchell Library bike parking at entrance.
- **Anderston to Riverside:** via Argyle St, Clydeside Expressway footbridge, Warroch St. Work required: ramp out shallow steps at head of Warroch St, provide crossing of Anderston Quay, check footbridge railing height. Route already signed.
- **Anderston to Bothwell St:** via St Vincent St, Newton St, Bishops Lane, Bishops St, Pitt St, Bothwell St (Waterloo St in opposite direction). Work required: redetermination of footway to create up-hill contra-flow on Newton St, advance stop lines.
- **Blythswood St to proposed river bridge at West St:** via Blythswood St, James Watt St (Broomielaw, York St, West Campbell St in opposite direction). Work required: contra-flow lane on Blythswood St between Cadogan St and Holm St, advance stop lines. This will become an important cycle link to the prestigious bridge project, now with planning consent.

- **Argyle St precinct to Bell St and East End:** via Virginia St, Wilson St, Bell St, Hunter St. Work required: contra-flow lane on Wilson St and Bell St, cobbles need replaced at Molendinar St junction. Potential for major extension through East End on paths and quiet roads, but needs new path built across Abattoir redevelopment and cycle path added on side of “East End Regeneration Route” proposed railway bridge at Parkhead/Camlachie to link to Carntyne Rd at Haghill.
- **Glasgow Cathedral to Glasgow Green and Gorbals:** via Cathedral Square, John Knox St, Duke St, (Hunter St northbound), Barrack St, Claythorn St, Claythorn Terr, Stevenson St, Green St, Binnie Place, Glasgow Green, St Andrew’s Suspension Bridge, McNeil St. Work required: cycle exemption from stopping-up at Claythorn St, advance stop lines, right turn lane at Duke St/Barrack St junction.
- **Colleges Cycle Route to Duke St:** via St James Rd, Castle St, (Cathedral St, car park in opposite direction), Cathedral Square, John Knox St. Work required: advance stop lines, create a path through the GCC car park between Cathedral St and St James Rd, short contra-flow lane on St James Rd, signalise St James Rd/Stirling Rd junction. Path through car park would also link student residences in Collins St to Colleges Cycle Route. Links with Gorbals route above.
- **Townhead to Roystonhill:** via McAslin St, footbridges, underpasses, Rhymer St. Work required: tidying up route, checking railing heights, better maintenance. Link to Cumbernauld Cycle Route and Springburn Rd cycle route at Charles St via Royston Rd crossing also possible.
- **Queen St Station to North:** via North Hanover St, Kyle St. Work required: Cycle lane up North Hanover St to encourage motor vehicles not to hog inside of existing bus lane, allowing cycles to continue up hill to traffic signals, also extend existing cycle lanes further up North Hanover St and Kyle St to meet Colleges and Cumbernauld Cycle Routes, advance stop lines. Cycle lanes on Cowcaddens Rd would be more appropriate than existing facilities, especially near Port Dundas Rd junction where shared footway/cycleway is very narrow.

Main West-East Routes

- **Charing Cross to Glasgow Cathedral:** via Sauchiehall St, Rose St, Renfrew St, Killermont St, North Hanover St, (Bath St in opposite direction), Cathedral St. Work required: advance stop lines, consideration should be given to cycle lanes outside of parking bays and/or bus lanes. Connects to Duke St via above. Signalise Woodlands Rd/M8 off-ramp junction for cyclists coming from Woodlands Rd/St Georges Rd.
- **Anderston to Glasgow Cross:** via Argyle St, Jamaica St, Howard St, Stockwell Place, Stockwell St, Trongate. Work required: advance stop lines, create a cycle link between two sections of Argyle St at Anderston Cross, via North St and Newton St, with pedestrian crossings converted to Toucan Crossings for eastbound cycles, on-road cycle lane for westbound with cut-off just before pedestrian crossing to connect to path up to Argyle St. Connects to Glasgow Green via above.
- **George Square to Duke St:** via George St (Montrose St, Cochrane St in opposite direction), Duke St. Work required: advance stop lines. Extension of QBC facilities.

Main South-North Routes

- **Eglinton Toll to Central Station:** via Pollokshields Rd, Devon St, Kilbirnie St, Salkeld St, Commerce St, King George V Bridge, Oswald St, Hope St (Wellington St, Robertson St, Broomielaw in opposite direction). Work required: implement cycle exemption at Commerce St/Nelson St junction, contra-flow required on Commerce St connecting with

existing facility on King George V Bridge, advance stop lines. Will also link to York St and West Campbell St via NCN 75.

- **Eglinton Toll to proposed river bridge at West St:** via Pollokshields Rd, Devon St, Kilbirnie St, West St. Work required: various crossings, contra-flows and cycle lanes on West St, advance stop lines. This will become an important cycle link to the prestigious bridge project, now with planning consent.
- **Gorbals to Caledonian University:** via Stockwell St, Glassford St, Ingram St, South Frederick St, George Square East, North Frederick St, Cathedral St, (North Hanover St, George Square North in opposite direction), North Hanover St. Work required: advance stop lines, further bus priority in Glassford St, George Square East (proposed for motor-traffic ban) to permit two-way cycling, extension of cycle lanes in North Hanover St. Link to Cumbernauld Cycle Route via Kyle St.

Other Routes

- **Queen St Station access:** via Dundas Lane, Buchanan St, Nelson Mandela Square North, West George St. Work required: permitting cycling in Dundas Lane and Buchanan St, creating contra-flow lane on north side of West George St between Nelson Mandela Square North and West Nile St. In opposite direction, consider permitting eastbound cyclists to use Nelson Mandela Square North, or what measures should be implemented on Nelson Mandela Square South to make it acceptably safe for cyclists.
- **Maxwell St Cycle Park store access:** via Argyle St and Osborne St in opposite directions. Work required: consider contra-flows on one-way sections of these streets for improved access to proposed cycle store.
- **Laurieston to St Enoch Square:** via Surrey St, Stirlingfauld Place, Portugal St, Norfolk Court, Nicholson St, Carlton Place; and via Eglinton Court, Coburg St/Herbertson St, Norfolk St, South Portland St, Suspension Bridge, Dixon St. Work required: connecting up various quiet streets and existing cycle facilities, permitting cycling on Suspension Bridge, main road crossings.