

Looking forward to 2027

“Our air quality needs cycling, our congestion needs cycling, our citizens’ physical and mental health needs cycling. In short, our city’s general well-being needs cycling.”

– Adam McVey, Edinburgh Council Leader (2017-)

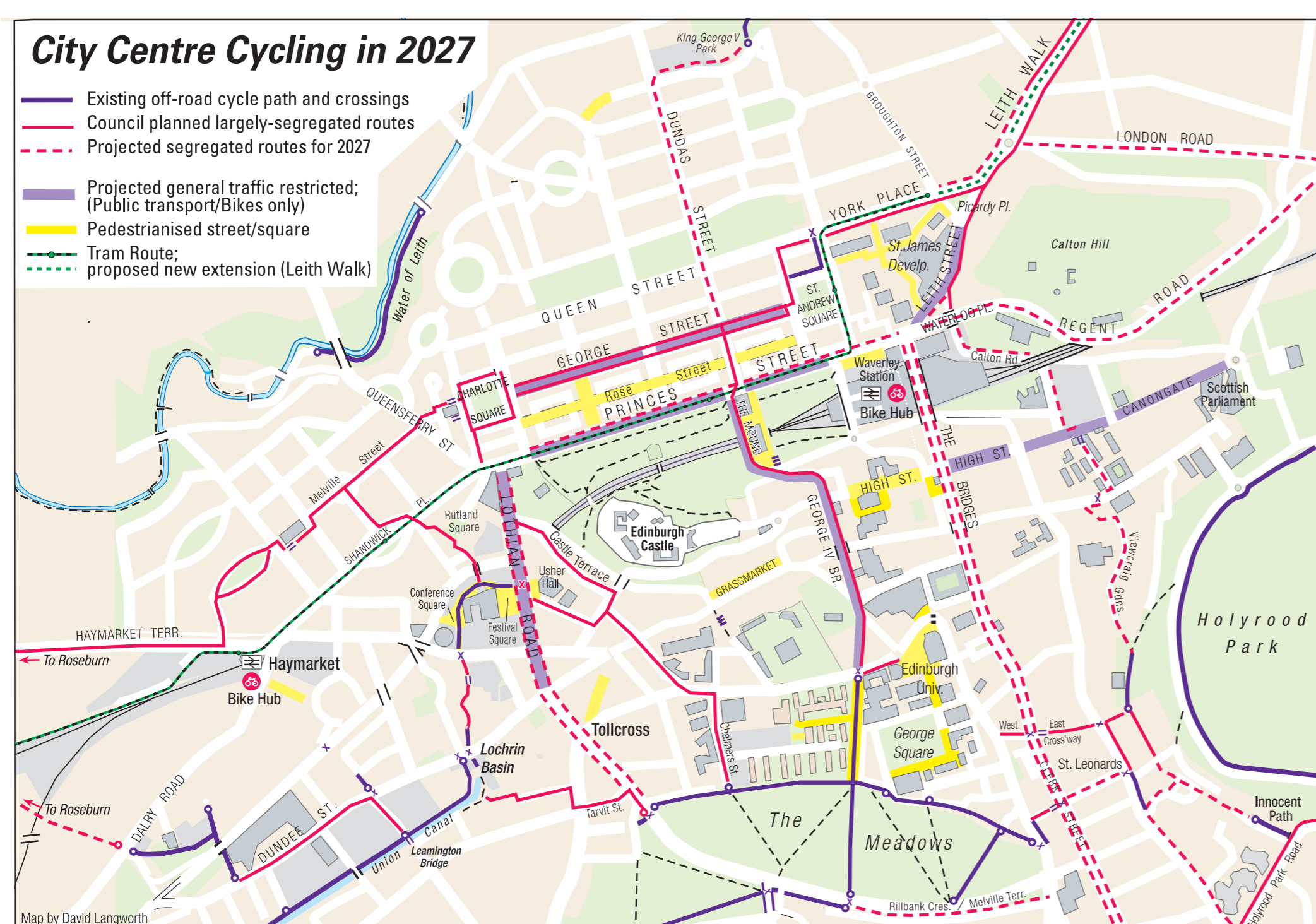


Lothian Road

Edinburgh City Centre could look and feel quite different in ten years time. We visualise that there will be better consideration for people, less traffic domination, less noise and cleaner air. Daytime deliveries will be carried out by cargo bikes and small electric vehicles. All public transport will be “green”. There will be more space for cycling and more cycling facilities.

By **2027** we expect to see significant change from today, with many more people using bikes for everyday journeys for work, study, shopping and leisure. Post-2027, bike use will continue to grow - and Edinburgh’s example will have sparked a velorution right across Scotland.

Projected 2027 Cycling Network



- New segregated routes into the centre (West to East linking Roseburn to Leith North to South linking The Meadows to George Street etc)
- Active Travel and public transport prioritised on Princes Street, The Mound and several other City Centre streets
- Quiet Routes Network completed, joining up popular destinations

Top ten for 2027

- **Reduction** in general motor traffic in the City Centre
- Large **deliveries** out of hours with local deliveries by **cargo bike**.
- On **Princes Street**: Segregated cycling provision; wider footways; a shuttle tram or bus
- Protected on-road **radial cycle routes** into the City Centre from main directions
- More school and residential **neighbourhoods** becoming walking and cycling friendly
- At least one **cycling friendly town** in each of Edinburgh and the Lothians
- Widespread cycle **sharing/hire** scheme, including e-bikes and cargo bikes
- **Bike Hubs** offering storage and servicing facilities, showers; lockers, etc.
- On-street secure cycle storage especially in **tenement areas**
- A **Cycling Commissioner** for Edinburgh, leading significant improvements for cycling and supportive change across all areas of the Council

