

Renfrew Bridge

New opening road bridge improving cross-Clyde connectivity and access to jobs, services and development sites.



LOCATION: Glasgow City Region

STATUS: Complete (opened 9 May 2025)



PRIORITISING PLACE

Background

Renfrew Bridge is a 184-metre, twin-leaf, cable-stayed swing bridge carrying two traffic lanes with dedicated walking and cycling provision. It is the first opening road bridge across the River Clyde and forms the centrepiece of the Clyde Waterfront & Renfrew Riverside project within the Glasgow City Region City Deal. The Bridge opened to the public on 9 May 2025. Council records from September 2025 marked the one-millionth crossing within just four months of the link's opening, demonstrating substantial demand for the new connection.

The scheme provides a direct link between Meadowside Street in Renfrew (south bank) and Dock Street in Yoker/Clydebank (north bank), reducing reliance on the ferry and detours to alternative crossings. In the closed position, the structure maintains a navigable channel approximately 90m wide and 7.81m high; in the open position it provides unrestricted vertical clearance.

Delivery

Planning and delivery sit within the City Deal governance framework. Renfrewshire Council led delivery, with the principal contractor and designer overseeing works. The two steel swing spans were fabricated off-site by specialist suppliers and delivered by barge for installation and commissioning ahead of opening in May.

CASE STUDY



Operationally, the bridge is available to vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Short-duration closures occur to permit vessel passage; schedules and live updates are published to help users plan journeys and minimise disruption. Closure schedules and operational information are published by Renfrewshire Council to minimise disruption for road users and people walking and cycling.

Investment

The UK and Scottish Governments jointly funded the project through the £1.13bn Glasgow City Region City Deal, a partnership of eight councils working to deliver a programme of work to grow a strong, inclusive, and sustainable City Region and economy.