

# London's Oxford Street to Be Pedestrianized By 2020

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London's iconic Oxford Street has long been known as a hotspot for both shopping and air pollution. Attracting more than four million people a week, the street is the very definition of urban hustle and bustle, and the problems that come with it. Its constant stream of taxis and diesel-powered buses (cars are banned during the day) has made it an epicenter for London's air quality problems. But all that may be about to change.

The BBC reports that [Oxford Street will be entirely pedestrianized by 2020](#), with the project being phased in in two stages to minimize disruption.

When viewed in context of [London Mayor Sadiq Kahn's broader air pollution crackdown](#)—not to mention London's [recent investments in impressive bike-friendly infrastructure](#)—this is one more sign that London is firmly committed to both tackling emissions and taking the city in a more livable, people-friendly direction.

What's probably most exciting about this, though, is the fact that Oxford Street is known the world over. Hopefully it will spur similar rethinking of what a city can and should look like from other metropolises across the world.

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