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Completion: 2017-2020 / © WHO and BBK Architekten



ITU: New building / Project cost CHF 150 million
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Creating the new international Geneva in the Jardin des Nations

Over the next decade, the international organisations district, the Jardin des Nations, will undergo an unprecedented modernisation. Numerous organisations are renovating their premises or building a new head office. Significant amounts of transport infrastructure are being built to respond to the challenges of mobility. In total, over CHF 2 billion will be invested in redeveloping the area, a third of which will come from public funds.

The Route des Nations will run through the international heart of Geneva, with a direct link to the motorway via a major piece of infrastructure. The tram will run from Place des Nations along Route de Ferney.

In addition to green transport networks, there will be housing aimed primarily at students and international staff, a day-care centre, premises for non-governmental organisations and the symphony hall of the Cité de la Musique. As a result, the Jardin des Nations will be transformed into a real living neighbourhood.

The State of Geneva is working hand-in-hand with the Confederation and the communes to steer, assist and provide financial support to many of these ambitious projects, which will improve the working and living conditions of people who frequent the neighbourhood.

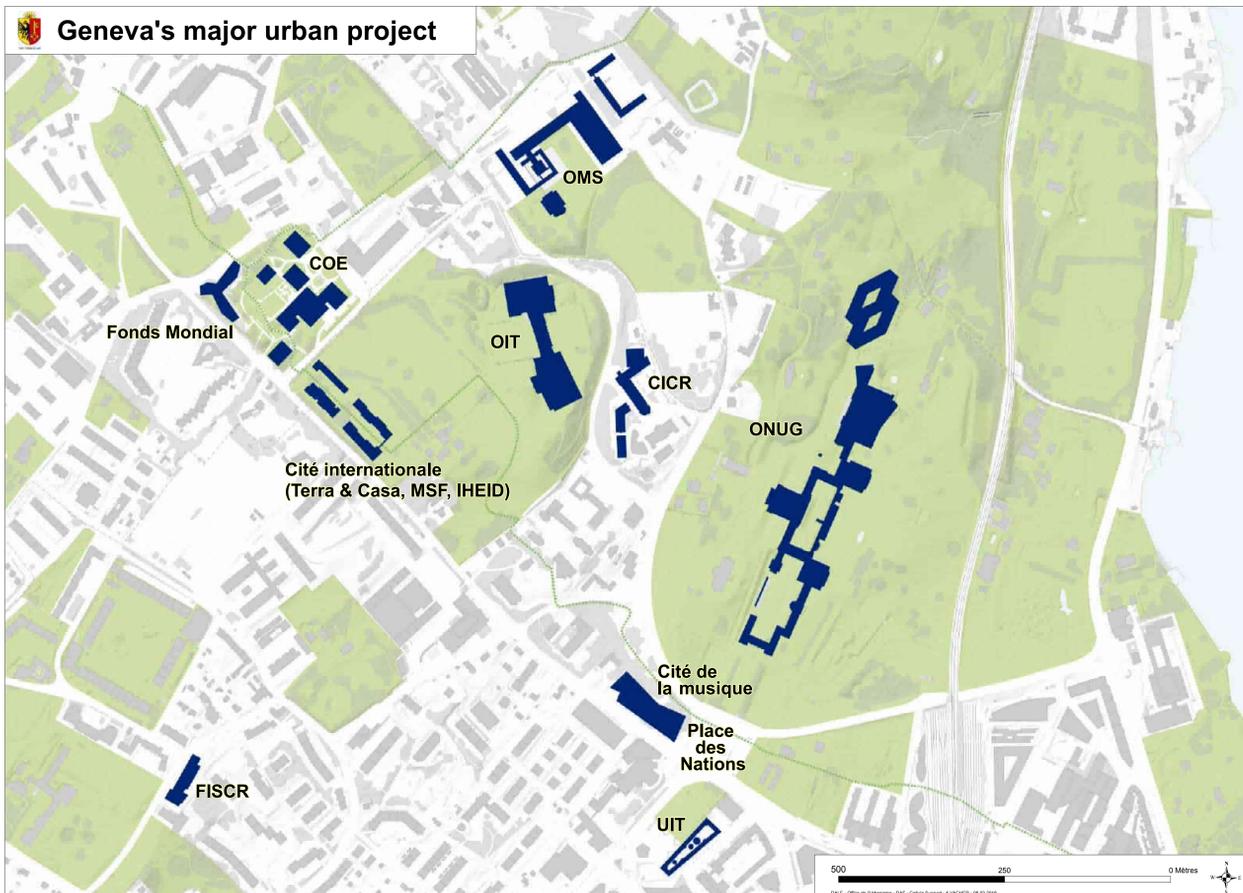


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" Cité internationale du Grand Morillon " © d'Estudi Marti Franch / Arquitectura del Paisatge



Planned future projects of the international organisations and public promenades in the Jardin des Nations.



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Jardin des Nations

In 2005, the public authorities established a master plan for the district known as the "Jardin des Nations" in order to preserve the exceptional heritage and landscape characteristics of the site, but also offer the international organisations an attractive setting.

One of the priorities for the Jardin des Nations is linking the gardens with a network of promenades, footpaths and cycle paths. The aim is to contribute to users' quality of life while making the site accessible to the population of Geneva. Among the new routes that could be proposed are the Promenade de la Paix, which, in time, will link Le Grand-Saconnex to the lake, via the highly symbolic locations of the Global Fund, the World Council of Churches, the future Cité de la Musique, Place des Nations and the Maison de la Paix.

This network of routes will be supplemented and enhanced by new public spaces, designed in conjunction with the real-estate developments. All public and private-sector partners are working together to promote both the future architectural projects and the quality of public spaces, of which the public promenades will form an integral part. Competitions are therefore being organised to establish landscape projects.



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IHEID: New building / Project cost: CHF 100 million / Completion 2019-2020 / © IHEID



MSF: New building / Project cost: CHF 43 million
Completion: 2019-2021 / © MSF



Terra & Casa: New building / Project cost: CHF 35 million
Completion: 2019-2021 / © Bonnard Woeffray Architectes

The Cité internationale du Grand Morillon

A new group of buildings is being developed in the heart of the Jardin des Nations with the Cité internationale du Grand Morillon, an area of land on the corner of Route de Ferney and Route des Morillons. It will include:

- the head office building for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- a hall of residence for 700 students at the Institut des hautes études internationales et du développement (IHEID)
- a building with 80 dwellings for international workers for the Fondation Terra & Casa

An international architecture competition was organised for each of the three projects in 2017. The winners were: the American architect Steven Holl for MSF, the architect Kengo Kuma for the IHEID, and the Valais firm Bonnard and Woeffray for Terra & Casa.

The project owners have come together to create a combined, harmonious landscaped area, which will be open to the public.



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Future Cité de la Musique / Project cost: CHF 260 million / Completion: 2020-2022 / © FCMG



Inside view of the symphony hall / © FCMG



View from the foyer overlooking the park / © FCMG

The Cité de la Musique

A major music centre will be developed in the heart of international Geneva with the completion of the Cité de la Musique, on the north side of Place des Nations. It will include:

- A large symphony hall with around 1,750 seats, which will be able to host the biggest symphony orchestras and large choirs
- Two concert halls, with a dedicated space for recitals and productions by the Haute école de musique with 550 seats, and a “black box” designed for experimental music
- Two classrooms and facilities for the 500 students in Geneva at the Haute école de musique and their professors
- A library / media library for students, musicians and music enthusiasts
- Two restaurants on the roof of the building, with views over the city and the Alps, along with a cafeteria

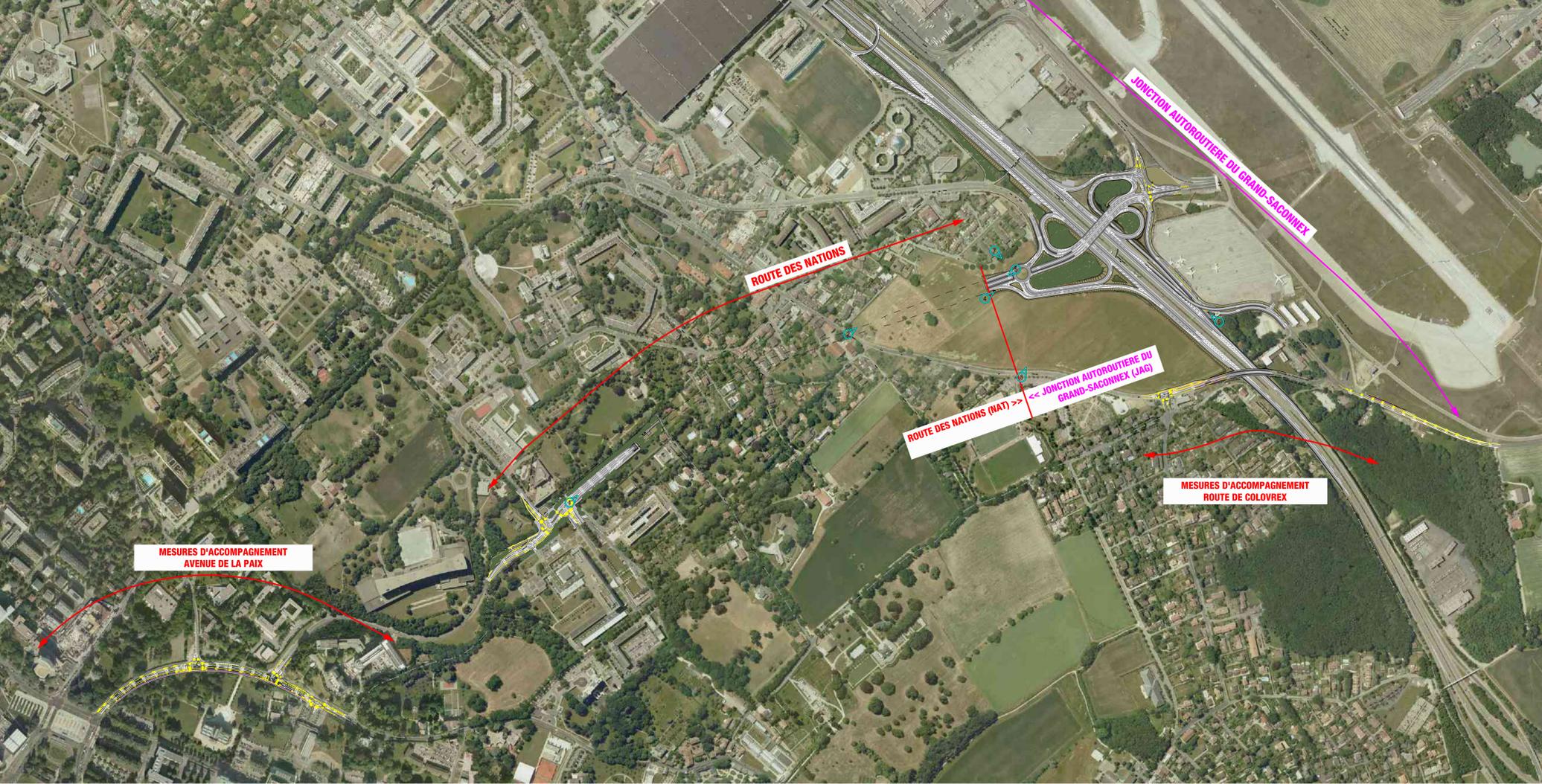
In addition, there will be administrative offices for the Orchestre de la Suisse romande and the Haute école de musique.

The architects Pierre-Alain Dupraz, in Geneva, and Gonçalo Byrne, in Lisbon, were commissioned to design the centre in 2017. Their design for the building was selected from the 17 other proposals entered into an international architectural competition, launched by the Cité de la Musique de Genève Foundation (FCMG). Funding for the project will come exclusively from the private sector, largely from a significant level of sponsorship.



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Overview of the Route des Nations



Tunnel entrance on avenue Appia



Crossroads in the WHO area



Tunnel entrance at Pré-du-Stand (to the north) and new motorway junction at Le Grand-Saconnex (a Federal Roads Office project)

Making the Nations district easier to navigate

The Route des Nations runs through the areas covered by the districts of Le Grand-Saconnex, Pregny-Chambésy, Bellevue and the City of Geneva; it runs mainly underground and will link directly to the new motorway junction at Le Grand-Saconnex that will be built by the Swiss state, following on from the Route des Nations, on which work began in September 2017.

The completion of the Route des Nations will provide:

- A better service for the international organisations.
- A significant reduction in traffic in the districts of Le Grand-Saconnex and Pregny-Chambésy.
- A reworking of access routes to the WHO.

- Better organisation of the road network, with direct links
- to major roads with high traffic capacity.
- Urban development of adjoining areas of land.

The main developments include boring a tunnel, producing covered trenches on either side of the structure,

restructuring the access crossroads and a range of ancillary developments (avenue Appia, route de Colovrex, route du Bois-Brûlé and avenue de la Paix).

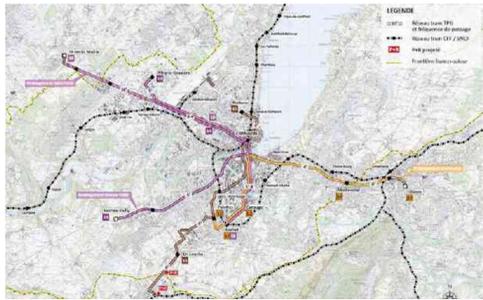


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The tramway network in 2023



A future station for tram 12 in Moillesulaz connected to its extension to Annemasse



Extension of tram 14 in Bernex-en-Vailly



Extension of tram 15 to the Zone industrielle de Plan-les-Ouates (ZIPL0)



Extension of tram 15 to the Palettes district

Extension of the tramway network : supporting new neighbourhoods

The next steps in the development of the tramway network across Greater Geneva involve line 12 from Moillesulaz to the centre of Annemasse, the extension of line 15 from Palettes to Saint-Julien-en-Genève station, the extension of line 14 from Bernex to Bernex-Vailly and the extension of line 15 from Place des Nations to the P+R P47 (works due to start in late 2022).

The redevelopment of open space and the Place de Moillesulaz to allow the extension of line 12 as far as Annemasse is part of the Greater Geneva urban development project. The works began in 2017 on both the Swiss and French sides.

The extension of line 14 to Bernex-Vailly is part of the regional development strategy to improve mobility and serve the existing and future urban fabric, such as the future neighbourhoods of Bernex Est and Vailly. This involves constructing a new section of tramway linking La Croisée de Confignon to the Vailly section. This stretch modifies and completes the creation of the TCOB, which was approved in 2008. This section is 2.3 km long and has six stops: Croisée Confignon, P+R Bernex, Pré-Marais, Luchepelet, Robert-Hainard and Bernex-Vailly. The works are scheduled to start in late 2018.

The plan to extend line 15 from Palettes is part of the regional development strategy of improving mobility and serving the existing and future urban fabric, such as the ZIPL0 industrial area and the future Cherpines neighbourhood. It runs for 4.6 km (on the Swiss side) and has seven stops, designed primarily to serve housing, businesses, amenities and services. It is connected to other transport infrastructure, such as the Léman Express, via Geneva-Pont-Rouge railway station, as well as bus routes and the green transport network, thus encouraging a modal shift towards public transport.

Work on the extension is scheduled to start in late 2019.



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View 1 Etoile project / © Equipe DEVILLERS for Annemasse Agglo, 2013

Greater Geneva - developing a network of dynamic cities

In order to build a compact, multi-centric, green urban area, the French areas of Greater Geneva are focusing their development efforts on towns and other urban areas in the region.

In Ferney-Voltaire, Saint-Genis-Pouilly, Saint-Julien-en-Genevois, Bonneville, Annemasse and Thonon, new neighbourhoods are being built, with a diverse range of housing, business areas and public amenities.

At the same time, several new infrastructure projects and transport routes (tram, bus and RER (regional railway) as part of the Léman Express network) are already in service or planned, to ensure that these new neighbourhoods are well served with public transport.

Thanks to the Léman Express, Annemasse will be connected to a vast regional network of 230 km of lines, linking no fewer than 45 stations.

This opportunity is enabling the development of the “Etoile Annemasse-Geneva” project, covering over 19 hectares around the station. This intermunicipal urban project is designed to strengthen the central position of Annemasse within Greater Geneva and provide a tangible and innovative response to the issues faced by the region.

It also plans to offer a balanced supply of 1,200 unrestricted, affordable homes aimed at middle-income residents, and social housing. A business and higher-education hub, local urban shops, open spaces and public amenities also form part of the programme.

The first buildings will be delivered in 2019.

On the other shore of Lake Geneva, the Cercle de l’Innovation is designed to develop activities with a focus on cutting-edge technologies and international potential.

The “ZAC *Ferney-Genève Innovation*” area, for example, covers 65 hectares and includes:

- The Cité Internationale des Savoirs, dedicated to the knowledge economy.
- Reclassification of the commercial and artisanal business area, La Poterie.
- Two residential areas: Paimboeuf with 850 homes completed by 2016-2020 and Très-la-Grange with 1,700 homes over the period 2020-2030.

These new neighbourhoods will also be home to public amenities, including a school complex, day-care centre and 600 m² multi-purpose centre.





Central mall of the future Communaux d'Ambilly area / © Ar-ter



Development of the avenue de l'Ain area of the Châtelaine project
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Overview of the Grands Esserts project / © AETC

Homes for the people of Geneva

Combining density and quality

Geneva is prioritising development within the city to provide homes for its residents, in order to protect its natural spaces and avoid urban sprawl.

The time is therefore ripe for denser urban development, but only where it makes sense, for example, close to communications routes, in particular major public transport routes. Building close to existing urban centres is also a priority, with quality firmly on the agenda. Dense, high-quality urban development goes hand-in-hand with complementary and efficient mobility initiatives, with public parks and lively open spaces, arts venues and places for festive events.

Promoting the short-distance city

From living, travelling and working to entertainment, fresh air and education: the city of the future is a city of short distances and, of course, sustainable, from both an energy and ecological point of view.

In the same vein, the wealth of natural heritage and the built environment are all opportunities to value the past.

Ten major, high-priority urban projects

The canton is focusing particular efforts on planning for ten major areas, all of which represent priority projects for urban development: Bernex, Châtelaine, Chêne-Bourg – Chêne-Bougeries, Cherpines, Communaux d'Ambilly, Grands Esserts, Grand-Saconnex, Praille Acacias Vernets (PAV), Vernier–Meyrin–Airport, ZIMEYSAVER (the industrial areas of Meyrin, Satigny and Vernier).



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