



INFRASTRUCTURE SPOTLIGHT

Pateros Mall Project

Pateros is giving its main street a thoughtful refresh. While the pedestrian mall serves as a lively front door to local businesses, the post office, and library, its key access point—Commercial Avenue—needs upgrades to better serve visitors and locals alike.

Stretching from US97, Commercial Avenue handles deliveries, parking, transit stops, and even EV and bike charging. But it lacks clear wayfinding, landscaping, and signage to guide people into the heart of town. The City's 2023–2028 revitalization project aims to change that—with visual improvements, safer pedestrian access, and a more welcoming experience for all.

So far, the City has completed environmental and cultural reviews required for federal grant funding, with no significant findings or delays. Additional assessments are planned to meet state requirements, including those from the Department of Ecology.

Currently in predesign, the next steps include finalizing an action plan, launching design work in winter 2025, and—if all goes smoothly—breaking ground in 2026. While direct fund leveraging hasn't been confirmed, the combined sources have strengthened the project's competitiveness in recent grant awards.

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