



PRESS RELEASE

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TOPIC: Construction Begins May 11, 2026, on the Downtown Plaza Project

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The Dalles, Oregon – Construction on the Downtown Plaza on Federal Street will begin May 11, 2026, marking an exciting step forward in creating a new community gathering space in the heart of downtown. The project is located on Federal Street between 1st and 2nd Streets and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2026.

The Downtown Plaza project is designed to support community events, encourage downtown activity, and create an inviting space that contributes to a vibrant downtown. Features include new seating and shade, a bike hub, green spaces and trees, and a water feature reflecting the character of the Columbia River and surrounding landscape, along with improvements to the Transportation Building. To learn more about the Plaza design, visit www.thedalles.org/FSPlaza

Construction Traffic and Access Impacts

- Work that may require lane closures or temporary road closures is anticipated to occur from mid-June through the end of July. During this time, expect periodic traffic impacts in and around Federal Street between 1st and the alley south of 2nd Street.
- The contractor will provide advance notice of traffic impacts in the form of a press release.
- Access to nearby businesses will be maintained throughout construction.
- Public parking in the 1st Street Public Lot between Washington Street and Federal Street will remain open, with access from Washington Street.

Please remember on-street parking in the downtown core is reserved for customer use. Business owners, employees, and tenants are encouraged to use public parking lots.

The City appreciates the community's patience during construction and looks forward to bringing this new space to life and welcoming the community later this year. Updates on traffic conditions and project progress will continue to be shared on our social media and website: www.thedalles.org/DTProjects



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