



# DOWNTOWN SQUARE

## UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT

**UPDATE: MAY 15, 2026**

At the Monday, May 4, 2026 City Council meeting, the Mayor and Council approved the Downtown Square Utilities Relocation Project to move forward.

Construction activities are anticipated to begin in early June 2026. Initial work is expected to begin in and around the Usher Street corridor between Hendricks Street and Hunter Street, with construction progressing in phases throughout the downtown area. It is estimated the project will require 20–28 months for completion.

This project represents a significant investment in the long-term reliability, functionality, and modernization of the utility infrastructure serving Downtown Covington. Due to the age and complexity of the existing systems, the improvements are necessary to help support the continued growth and sustainability of the downtown area while reducing the risk of future infrastructure failures.

As the project moves into the construction phase, City staff will begin re-engaging with downtown businesses and property owners that may be impacted during operations. Businesses should expect to see City representatives visiting in the near future to help re-establish lines of communication, confirm primary points of contact, and discuss coordination efforts that will be necessary throughout construction.

While construction activities will create temporary inconveniences at times, the City, engineer, and contractor will work closely together to maintain access to downtown businesses and minimize impacts to traffic flow, events, and day-to-day operations as much as reasonably possible throughout construction. Due to the complexity of the work and existing field conditions, temporary disruptions and changes to traffic patterns should still be expected periodically as the project progresses.

The City appreciates the patience and cooperation of downtown businesses, residents, and visitors as this important infrastructure project moves forward. Additional updates, traffic impacts, schedules, and construction notices will continue to be posted as they become available on the Downtown Square Utilities Relocation Project page on the City of Covington website:

**[bit.ly/DowntownCovUtilityRelocationProj](https://bit.ly/DowntownCovUtilityRelocationProj)**

