

Portland Ave Business Development & Upgrades

Business development and infrastructure upgrades are actively transforming the Portland Avenue corridor on Tacoma's Eastside. The area, classified as an Upper and Lower [Mixed-Use Center](#), is seeing significant investment in public spaces, transportation safety, and community facilities. [\[1, 2, 3, 4, 5\]](#)

Key development news and infrastructure projects include:

- **Portland Avenue Park Overhaul:** The 13.4-acre Portland Avenue Park is undergoing a \$3 million transformation that includes an inclusive playground and sprayground. Funded by voter-approved initiatives and state grants, construction is slated to begin in late 2026 with completion expected in early 2027. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- **Vision Zero Safety Project:** The city is implementing traffic-calming and safety measures along Portland Avenue (from East 27th to East 56th Street) to reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian connectivity. Community surveys and design workshops for the **Portland Avenue-Vision Zero Project** are advancing. [\[1, 2, 3, 4\]](#)
- **Street Overlays and Upgrades:** The City of Tacoma has been rolling out pavement overlays and ADA curb ramp upgrades in specific segments of the avenue, such as between 64th and 72nd Streets, to improve surface quality and pedestrian access. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- **Cultural Expansion & World Cup Events:** The corridor serves as a focal point for cultural and global events, including the kickoff parade for the **World Cup 2026** hosted by the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, which required temporary street closures along Portland Avenue in June. The nearby Asia Pacific Cultural Center has been utilizing the area for operations while executing a major facility