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Town of Twisp Glover Street Revitalization Project Twisp, Washington

The Town of Twisp in Okanogan County, Washington, is getting a facelift! In April 2026 the Town started a major public infrastructure improvement project in the Glover Street commercial district that is meant to strengthen the community's infrastructure, support local businesses, and enhance the town's identity as a vibrant Creative Arts District in the Methow Valley. The project is focused on replacing water mains from the 1930s and redoing downtown streets and sidewalks to accommodate better pedestrian access and enhance public gathering spaces.

Twisp successfully obtained a record setting grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board "Complete Streets" program, as well as a funding package from the Public Works Board, to treat five blocks of water line and sidewalk/street improvements for this year's "Glover Street Revitalization Project". Many facets of this year's project were previously identified for implementation in Twisp's 2018 Economic Revitalization Plan, and extensive public outreach over the past two years helped generate designs, community buy-in, and substantial grant awards for the project.

The Glover Street Revitalization Project will substantially enhance the pedestrian experience in downtown Twisp. The project will redevelop key intersections using raised surfaces and curb bump-outs to calm traffic and hold more pedestrian and civic space where public art and plantings can be accommodated. The project will also make Twisp's sidewalks functionally wider by removing existing right of way encroachments that force some current sidewalks to only accommodate a single pedestrian lane. Given our setting in the North Cascade Mountains, Twisp is one of the most snow affected towns in Washington State, so many historic commercial buildings have post supported awning structures meant to keep snow off the sidewalks near business entrances. These awnings had to be built to hold heavy snow loads, so wooden support posts were often used, which inadvertently cut off much of the sidewalk from functional pedestrian use. Now, with the Glover Street Revitalization Project, new awnings will be erected using a unique cantilevered design with steel beams supported by large sub-grade concrete footings. The beams will be placed flush with the adjacent building exterior walls, so the rest of the sidewalk will be unencumbered by awning posts. This will help gain multiple feet of functional sidewalk width without losing critical street and parking dimensions on our busy commercial street.

Another element of the project focuses on celebrating Twisp's creative identity. New features along Glover Street, developed in partnership with the Twisp Creative District, will showcase local art, culture, and design. These additions will not only enhance the look and feel of downtown, but also strengthen Twisp's unique character and reinforce its status as one of Washington State's designated Creative Districts. To complete this project in 2026 the Town has contracted with Selland Construction from Wenatchee, alongside design and engineering partners SCJ Alliance and Ardurra Group, Inc. Together with the Twisp Public Works Department, the team will deliver improvements that enhance safety, accessibility, and the overall downtown experience for residents and visitors alike. As with any major construction effort, there will be temporary disruptions, including limited parking, modified traffic patterns, and changes to pedestrian access along Glover Street. The Town is working closely with contractors and local businesses to maintain safe, clearly marked access throughout the project and to minimize impacts wherever possible.

Open for Business

Despite construction, downtown Twisp remains open for business. All shops, restaurants, galleries, and services are committed to welcoming customers throughout the project. The Town encourages residents, neighbors, and visitors to continue shopping, dining, and exploring locally.

Now more than ever, local businesses appreciate community support. By visiting downtown during construction, patrons play a direct role in sustaining the vitality and resilience that make Twisp special. The Town will be providing regular updates on construction timelines, traffic impacts, and parking adjustments through its website, social media channels, and local partners.

The Glover Street Revitalization Project represents more than infrastructure improvements, it is a bold step toward a stronger, more connected, and more vibrant future for Twisp. When complete, these upgrades will pave the way for generations to gather, create, and thrive in the heart of downtown Twisp.

For updates and information, please visit the Town of Twisp website at www.TownofTwisp.com or follow official Town communications on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.