



## City of Dayton and RTA partner to open new downtown police substation

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The City of Dayton is taking action to enhance public safety in downtown. In partnership with the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA), the Dayton Police Department (DPD) will open a temporary Central Business District (CBD) substation at Third and Main Streets, in a vacant RTA-owned property adjacent to the RTA Wright Stop Transit Center.

Operations are expected to be in place by March 2026. This effort provides immediate elevated police presence downtown, while the City pursues the permanent downtown police station at Fourth and St. Clair Streets.

“Maintaining a safe and welcoming downtown is a top priority for our city,” said Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr. “The CBD has not had a patrol district office located downtown since 2012, and this substation is a key step in ensuring officers are highly visible and accessible.”

The substation will provide a visible, accessible, and strategically located base for officers, allowing them to engage directly with residents, businesses, and visitors in the Central Business District.

“This substation is a practical solution that allows us to maintain a strong police presence downtown today, while planning and building the permanent station for the future,” said City Manager Shelley Dickstein. “Partnering with RTA puts officers in a central, high-traffic location, giving them the tools and proximity they need to serve the community effectively—with minimal cost to Dayton taxpayers.”

The planned permanent Central Business District police station to be located at South St. Clair and East Fourth Streets is expected to break ground in 2027 with an expected opening date in late 2029.

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