



Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex

City Council Update 06/16/2026

Project History

- Columbus Pickleball Association acquired property at 1641 3rd Avenue and demolished existing structures on the property with intent to donate to City.
- Prior to City involvement, the Pickleball Association developed a concept plan to included 24 courts on the main parcel as well as 4 courts under the 2nd Avenue Bridge.
- City Council authorized General Fund Reserves totaling \$4.051 million. In addition, TAD funding of \$2.6 million was also authorized for this project.

Project Timeline

- City Council Awarded Design-Build Contract to Brasfield & Gorrie on December 9, 2025.
- Kick-Off meeting held January 26, 2026, with Brasfield & Gorrie, Columbus Pickleball Association, Parks and Recreation, and other City staff.
- During Kick-Off Meeting, it was discussed that while complex should have as many courts as possible, the complex also needed enough amenities and social areas to be attractive to players.

Project Timeline

- Project team agreed to reduce number of courts on the main parcel to 21 courts including 16 covered courts, 4 outdoor courts, and 1 Championship court.
- Brasfield & Gorrie continued design activities and presented budgetary pricing in April 2026. Project team authorized Brasfield & Gorrie to complete design activities.
- Due to budget constraints, 4 courts under 2nd Avenue Bridge are not in the current scope.

Project Budget

- Funding Line:
 - General Fund \$4,051,527
 - TAD \$2,600,000
 - OLOST Infrastructure \$450,000
 - Columbus Pickleball Association \$382,019
 - Total \$7,483,546

- Note: The Columbus Pickleball Association also paid for the acquisition of the property, preliminary site work and demolition estimated at \$950,000.

Next Steps

- Current schedule is for design activities to be completed in July 2026 and construction to start in August 2026.
- Project completion tentatively scheduled for Summer 2027.
- Property donation and MOU between City and Columbus Pickleball Association will be brought back to Council for approval prior to construction starting.

Questions?