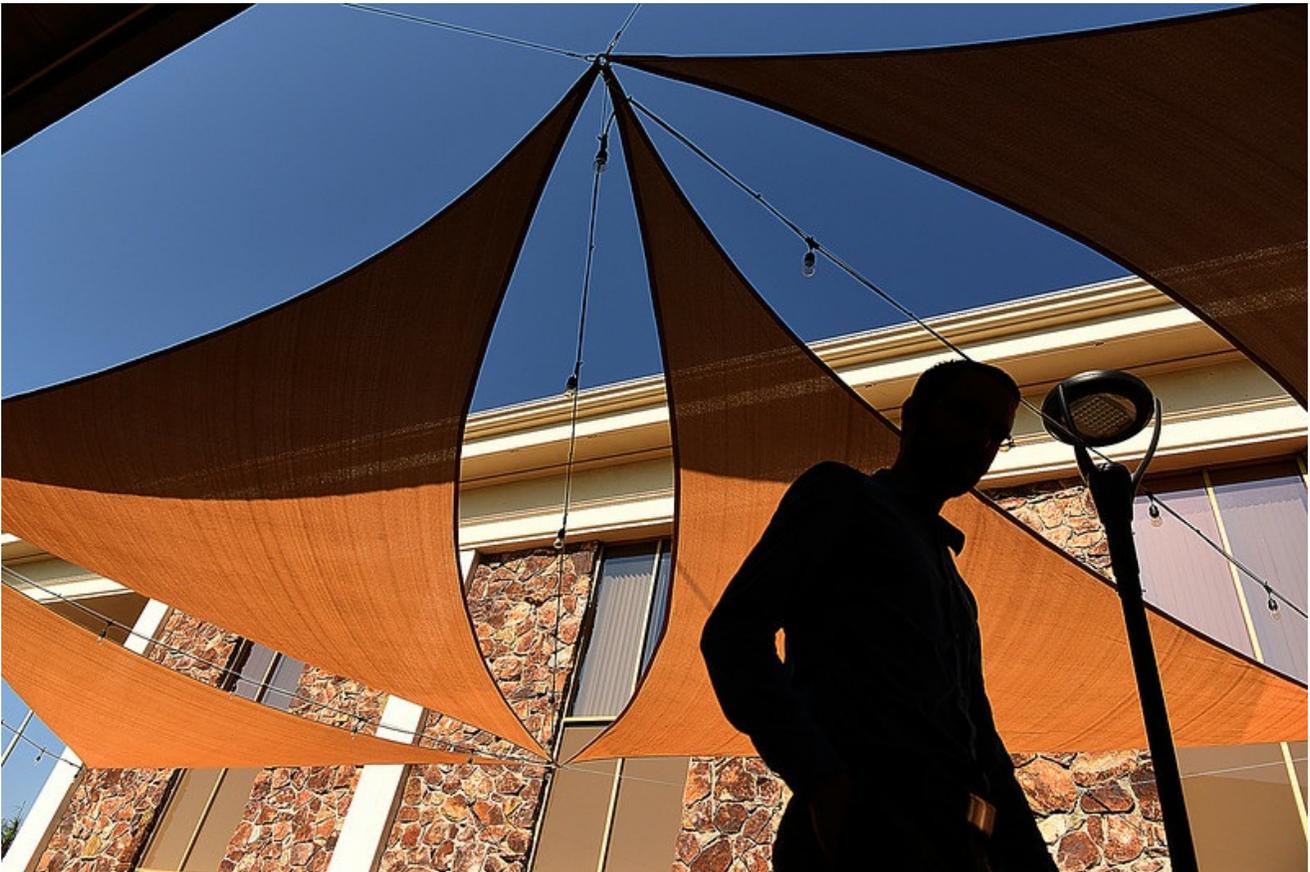


# How the city is working to make downtown Redlands more inviting

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A man walks beneath sun shades between Redlands City Hall and the fire department. Crews from the City of Redlands install sun shades between a city building and the downtown parking structure off Citrus Avenue, Thursday 28, 2016. (Staff photo by Rick Sforza/Redlands Daily Facts, SCNG)

PHOTOS: Redlands Throws Shade at Summer Sun



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Crews from the City of Redlands install sun shades between a city building and the

downtown parking structure off Citrus Avenue Thursday. RICK SFORZA — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

REDLANDS >> There are now more shady, relaxing places for visitors to take a break while shopping and dining downtown.

The city recently installed shade sails in the breezeways at City Hall and has plans to make more improvements in coming months.



The shade sails were installed at the direction of City Manager N. Enrique Martinez as a continuation of the city's focus on [economic development downtown](#), according to Chris Boatman, director of the Quality of Life Department.

Quality of Life and the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department collaborated to enhance the breezeways, spending about \$6,000 on the improvements so far.

- **Photos:** [Redlands throws shade at summer sun](#)

Within the next couple of months, a sound system will be installed to play background music in both breezeways. By the end of the year, the city plans to install a water feature in the breezeway next to City Hall.

A few months ago, string lighting, seating and potted citrus trees were added to the breezeway between the parking structure and utilities building on Citrus Avenue.

This week, new furniture will be installed in the breezeway next to City Hall.

In June, the City Council approved an agreement with a coffee cart vendor to set up near the parking structure. The city will be installing utility hookups in preparation for the opening.

The project is part of a larger effort by city officials to [enhance downtown](#).

Over the past few years the city has rehabilitated Ed Hales Park at Fifth and State streets; enhanced the 10 Freeway underpasses at Eureka, Orange and Citrus avenues; transformed the alley between Orange and Fifth streets into a public park; [improved planters](#); repaved streets; and installed new dual-purpose trash receptacles and orange-shaped bicycle racks.

Work has begun to [beautify](#) the California Department of Transportation right of way around the downtown 10 Freeway on- and offramps.