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South Street Mall and Courts set to reopen this month

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The South Street Mall and Courts are set to be unveiled.

(Matt Rocheleau for Boston.com)

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

After **nearly a year** of renovations, the South Street Mall and Courts will reopen in less than two weeks.

Design plans for the renovation went through a **two-year approval process**

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before work at the corner of South Street and Carolina Avenue commenced last November.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 20, and Mayor Thomas Menino is scheduled to make an appearance at the event, said city Parks Department spokeswoman Mary Hines.

Ray Dunetz Landscape Architecture collaborated with local environmental sculptor [Beth Galston](#) to create “an exciting artistic feature that reflects the culture of the local residents and meets their contemporary needs for urban living,” according to the architecture company’s [website](#) .

Designed by Galston, a 120-foot-long, 8-foot-high curving fence made of translucent metal mesh divides the passive park space from the tennis and basketball courts, which are also being upgraded.

“The park design provides a sense of whimsy and movement through the space, replacing the park’s original grid design of the 1970s,” says the architect’s website.

The park also features curving granite seat walls and curbing, benches and café tables, new trees and other plants, and decorative paving.

Further details from the city on the park project and its cost are expected to be provided soon. Check back for updates.

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