



# RADTIP River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project



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## Timeline

- 2019**  
Ongoing Construction
- 2018**  
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- 2017**  
Final Design completed. Begin Construction
- 2016**  
Right of Way Acquisition
- 2015**  
Work continues on final design. Begin Right of Way Acquisition

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- 2014**  
City Awarded Tiger VI funding for construction of RADTIP  
  
Options developed for improving Craven Street Bridge and clearance at the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge  
  
Consultant hired to develop construction plans

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- 2013**  
City Council allocates CIP funds to complete final design  
Preliminary Design completed  
  
Environmental Document Approved by Federal Government

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- 2012**  
Preferred Alternative Selected
- 2010 – 2012**  
2 year process to complete Environmental Study and preliminary design\*

## What's happening now?

The final design for the project is underway. Plans for right of way acquisition will be developed and begin later in 2015. Planning will be coordinated with other Riverfront initiatives such as improvements to Craven Street, plans for 14 Riverside Drive, and other projects from the Riverside Drive Development Plan.

## Background

This project will construct a 2.2 mile piece of the [Wilma Dykeman Riverway](#), a planned 17-mile multi-modal corridor in Asheville along the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers. In addition to improved intersections and bridge reconstruction, the project includes roadway improvements, sidewalks, bike lanes, greenways, on-street parking, and stormwater improvements along Lyman Street and Riverside Drive adjacent to the French Broad River. The project will improve the horizontal and vertical clearance at the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge, accommodate truck turning movements at the intersection of Craven street and Riverside Drive and improve three railroad crossings in the area.

The estimated cost for purchasing right of way and construction is \$24 million. In April 2014, the City submitted an application to Federal Highway Administration to fund six interconnected transportation projects through the TIGER VI Program. In November 2014, the US Secretary of Transportation visited Asheville to announce that Asheville was awarded a 14.6 million dollar federal award to support the development of:

- RADTIP (including all adjacent greenways and Five Points Roundabout)
- The Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways (designs complete)
- French Broad River West Greenway/(Duke Energy Property (designs underway)
- Livingston Street Complete Street (plan is not yet developed)

The City will continue to build partnerships for construction of projects for the area.

## Supporting documents and information

- [Preliminary Design Drawings 1](#)
- [Preliminary Design Drawings 2](#)
- [Wilma Dykeman Riverway Plan](#)

For more information about the RADTIP project please call 828.259.5842

\* The City of Asheville held over 80 public and small group meetings during the two-year study period