



RADTIP River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project



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Timeline

2018-2019

Ongoing Construction

2017

Final Design completed. Begin Construction

2016

Right of Way Acquisition

2015

Work continues on final design. Begin Right of Way Acquisition

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

2013

City Council allocates CIP funds to complete final design

Preliminary Design completed

Environmental Document Approved by Federal Government

2012

Preferred Alternative Selected

2010 – 2012

2 year process to complete Environmental Study and preliminary design*

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

What's happening now?

Drilling for soil samples began in mid-June is currently underway on Lyman Street and Riverside Drive which will help us understand the makeup and stability of the ground for future construction of the bike lanes, greenways, and complete streets of the RADTIP project. This type of drilling for geotechnical and engineering work is done for all construction projects of significant size. The results will give us background information that we need to build a successful and safe transportation network.

The drilling is scheduled for 3 to 4 weeks. The soil borings are proposed to go to generally between 10 and 25 feet below ground surface, with a few borings proposed to go up to 55 feet deep.

Citizens should be aware that they might encounter traffic control related to a single lane closure – either the northbound lane or the southbound lane will be closed and traffic will proceed in intervals using the open lane as directed by traffic control. There is no need to avoid the area. The primary times of lane closures will be between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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.

Supporting documents and information

[Preliminary Design Drawings 1](#)

[Preliminary Design Drawings 2](#)

[Wilma Dykeman Riverway Plan](#)

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