



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

Utility relocation begins.
- 2015**
Public meeting to present Right of Way plans September 24

Work continues on final design. Begin Right of Way Acquisition

- 2014**

City Awarded Tiger VI funding for construction of RADTIP

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?

The final design for the project is underway. Staff and partners have conducted multiple public meetings for Public Art. This data will be compiled and incorporated into the construction plans and subsequent implementation plans for Public Art in the district.

Timeline for RADTIP Property Acquisition Process

We understand that this impacts businesses. We have been working directly with property owners and tenants since April 2015. We are using all available resources to minimize that impact.

- April 2015: Initial contact letters mailed to impacted property owners by City staff.
- May 2015: Preliminary meetings held with impacted property owners and City staff.
- July 2015: City Council approved Gulf Coast contract (ROW vendor & appraisal team.)
- Sept 2015: RADTIP public meeting held.
- Nov 2015: Contact letters sent to impacted property owners & tenants by Gulf Coast.
- Nov. 2015 to April 2016: Meetings with property owners and tenants by Gulf Coast.
- Nov. 2015 to April 2016: Appraisals.
- Feb. to April 2016: Initial offers made. Offers delivered to owner and Notice of Relocation to landlord/tenant on the same day. Property acquisition.
- April to June 2016: Utility relocation is scheduled to begin.
- Summer/Fall 2016: Project construction scheduled.
- 2017-2020: Project construction scheduled.

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](#)

- [Greenway Alignment Exhibit](#)
- [Draft Workshop Map](#)
- [Streetscape Concepts](#)

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