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On Aug. 24, 2010 City Council adopted a motion to request the NCDOT to reopen the pedestrian bridge that spans I-240 near the Smoky Park Bridge and Hillcrest Apartments. For minutes from the meeting visit:
http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Portals/0/city-documents/CityClerk/Mayor_and_CityCouncil/Minutes/m100824.pdf.

The bridge was reopened on Dec. 2, 2010 well ahead of schedule. See the full press release here:
<http://www.ashevillenc.gov/NewsandEvents/CityNews/tabid/662/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/24928/Pedestrian-bridge-reopened-ahead-of-schedule.aspx>.

Timeline for implementation

2010

- Aug. 24 Contact NCDOT with request to have bridge inspected within 60 days.
COMPLETE
- Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 NCDOT inspect bridge
COMPLETE
- Dec. 2 **Bridge reopened.**
- Dec. 2 Increase police presence in areas adjacent to pedestrian bridge
ONGOING
- Dec. 3 Staff to move community outreach efforts forward to align with the early reopening of bridge.
COMPLETE
- Dec. – Jan. Work with NCDOT on additional signage
COMPLETE
- Dec. – Jan. Transportation/Public Works to explore lighting options through NCDOT and Progress Energy
COMPLETE

Dec. 6-10 Work with community stakeholders on a date for a community update meeting and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) walk.
COMPLETE

Dec. 6-10 Public Works to lay a temporary sidewalk patch in an area where the sidewalk has failed
COMPLETE

Dec. – Jan. Public Works to remove initial vegetation in sidewalk corridor
COMPLETE

2011

Jan. 8 MEETING POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER Hold community update meeting and CPTED walk. Meeting will start at the Hillcrest Community Center at 100 Atkinson St. and will begin at 1 p.m.

Feb. 5 MEETING RESCHEDULED
Hold community update meeting and CPTED walk. Meeting will start at the Hillcrest Community Center at 100 Atkinson St. and will begin at 1 p.m.
COMPLETE

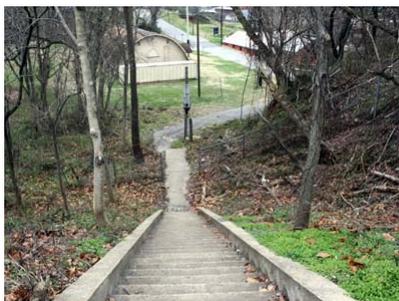
Feb. 14 City staff to schedule tasks to implement from CPTED walk
COMPLETE

Feb. 2011 Public Works to permanently repair sidewalks on both ends of the bridge
COMPLETE

June 2011 Staff report to Council on community and safety impacts of reopening bridge
COMPLETE

July-Dec. 2011 Installation of street light at bottom of stairs at Roberts Street and along the sidewalk on the south side of the bridge. Lighting was improved on the Hillcrest side of the bridge access.
COMPLETE

Oct. 2011 City crews removed vegetation from the south side access walk and along the sides of the stairs to Roberts street.
COMPLETE



Nov. 2011 City Council approved a contract with NC DOT to clear brush and selected trees to improve visibility for community members using the Roberts Street stairs. [Meeting Minutes](#).

Nov. – Dec. 2011 NC DOT contractors started removal of underbrush and select trees on the south side of the bridge.
COMPLETE



Dec. 13 Staff update to Council. View the staff report including important updates [here](#).

Moving Forward Staff will continue to monitor and report to Council on community and safety impacts of reopening bridge
ONGOING