

Transportation Planning Division
Project updates
January 27, 2016

On-going

- RADTIP
 - There will be public input opportunities for Public Art in February and March, 2016.
 - The design process for RADTIP is ongoing.
 - Right of Way acquisition phase is underway
 - The start of construction is targeted for 2017.
 - Streetscape and Public Art Plans Underway

- JARC Signals Design contract
 - Locations:
 - Louisiana & Haywood Rd
 - McDowell & Choctaw
 - South Charlotte & Biltmore
 - Added additional FTA funds as planned, now must work on procurement action.
 - Anticipate funds will allow for only two of the three signals.
 - Requested capital project funding for remaining signal at S. Charlotte St.

- Asheville in Motion Plan.
 - Consultants are working on the final documents

- French Broad River Greenway West- French Broad River Greenway (Duke Energy property) and connection between FBR Park and Carrier Park
 - FBR Greenway Phase Two: A change order for \$17,700 is being made for the realignment design on the northern end of this project area (underneath the West Asheville Bridge). These monies will pay for the no-rise certification necessary to finish the design.
 - FBR Greenway Phase One: This segment of the West Bank Greenway (from the Smith Mill Bridge to the West Asheville Bridge) is under construction and will not be complete until the spring.

- ISO 14000 - ART
 - City received certification in October 2015.

- Bike Corral on Haywood
 - In front of Bledsoe Bldg, between crosswalk and signal pole
 - Encroachment agreement with NCDOT in place for simple corral
 - Last parts on order.

- Watch for Me NC Ped/Bike Safety Campaign
 - Campaign ended November 30, 2015.
 - Highway Safety Research Center data collection has begun and will continue intermittently.
 - Report a part of a January meeting packet.

- Pilot pedestrian crossing flag project launched with first flags at Edwin, second set to be installed at Haywood/Virginia (Ingles), third at Coxe Ave construction crossing – based on nomination by member of public; remaining two sites open to public for suggestion.

- East of the Riverway Transportation Network Plan

- Developing plan for adoption process.

New

Transit Station repairs

- Evaluation process.

Other efforts:

- TIGER VI grant application

- Awarded and going through the steps to sign the grant agreement.

- Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways and Depot Street Roundabout

- Permitting work will begin soon and coordination with MSD on sewer line repair and improvements will begin soon.

- Livingston St. Complete Streets

- Info and links at project page http://www.ashevollenc.gov/Portals/0/city-documents/communityrelations/progress/20150918_LivingstonStCompleteSts3.pdf
- Public Involvement History:
 - First public meeting held 9/3/15
 - Invited stakeholder meetings, including area businesses, non-profits, institutions, residents associations, city staff, and all who signed in to public meeting on 9/29/15.
 - City blog posting and tweet seeking review/comment, 10/14/15.
 - Public meeting with approximately 75% design and with streetscape elements to review being scheduled, probably early February.

- Beaucatcher Greenway:

- The construction drawings for the greenway and trailheads are in progress and due to be completed in February. Once the construction documents are complete the permitting and bid process will initiate.

- Craven Street

- The final layer of resurfacing has been placed on Craven. The sidewalks have been poured and crews are finalizing the on street stormwater control measures. The bike lanes are installed.
- The grading on the greenway portion continues with work focusing on the section south of Penland Creek. The greenway work is anticipated to be completed in the spring with the completion of the connection to Haywood Road and final surface paving of the entire greenway.

- Craven Street (continued)
 - The grading for the stream restoration is complete, for all the stormwater control measures and the stream restoration, the final plantings will take place in the spring.
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- Greenway Map – Draft is still in process.
- League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community Assistance Visit
 - Representative came, toured and met with staff, elected officials, advocates
 - Awaiting his promised recommendations
- Share the Road/Bicycles May Use Full Lane Working Group
 - Group of advocates and coordinators from across NC meeting to encourage/assist development of warrants for use
 - Met in July and September, October meeting was planned for evening before NC Bike Summit, but did not happen
 - After reviews, report was provided to Lauren Blackburn, NCDOT, for her use.
 - Recommended discontinuing Share the Road signs
 - I do not anticipate the group meeting again.

Capital Projects Progress Report Jan 2016

for the Multimodal Transportation Commission, and Subcommittees

City of Asheville
Capital Projects Management Division

Transportation Department

Project Manager: **Chuck Watson**

Inspector: **TBD**

Livingston Street Complete Street

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

Recent actions:
The review of 25% plans occurred the week of November 30. Staff comments were provided to the designer.

Project Scope:

Provide Complete Street beginning on Depot St (adjacent to Grant Center) along Livingston Street to Victoria Road. Design will incorporate a roundabout, bike lanes, and pedestrian improvements.

Milestones:

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 12/11/2015

New Haw Creek Sidewalk

Status: Design (In-House)

Status Update:

Next Action
We are attempting to schedule a meeting with NCDOT to discuss issues that they have with the original proposal. Once this occurs the next step will be design the creek crossing(s).

Project Scope:

1150 LF of Sidewalk. Also provides Curb and Gutter, Ped Bridge along New Haw Creek Road

Recent Actions

Took over project from other PM.

Milestones:

TBD - 2nd Review Mtg w/ NCDOT
8/27/15 Received proposal for pedestrian bridge

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 1/19/2016

New Leicester Highway Sidewalk

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

Next Action:
Municipal agreement is in NCDOT hands. Once the agreement is returned along with authorization to begin preliminary engineering an RFQ will be issued.
Update: Still waiting for NCDOT authorization. They state that it is coming shortly.

Recent Actions:

-Executed Municipal Agreement returned to NCDOT.
- Municipal Agreement signed by City Manager

Project Scope:

Construct approximately 2.3 miles of 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with a 5-ft grass/utility strip on New Leicester Highway (US 63) from Patton Avenue, northwest to the city limit. Needed linkage in COA Pedestrian Plan update in 2005.

Milestones:

Survey Complete
Jan 2016 - Begin Design
Fall 2016 - Right of Way/Utility Relocation (if necessary)
Winter 2016 - Complete Design

Right of Way:

Pending design.

Last Project Update On: 1/19/2016

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Project Manager: Dewayne Riddle

Inspector: TBD

Clingman Forrest Greenway

Status: ROW & Utility Relocation

Status Update:

12-14-15 -Revised the cost estimate for finance.

Project is designed. Pending NEPA documentation and FHWA design review.

Project Scope:

Help to form contracts to build Greenway for the RAD-TIP project.

Milestones:

Keep in touch with everyone on a time to start construction.

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 1/13/2016

Town Branch Greenway

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Status Update:

Recent action:
Revised the cost estimate for finance to review.

Next step:
Working on getting all of the right of way for construction.

Project Scope:

Help to form contracts to build Greenway for the RAD-TIP project.

Milestones:

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 1/13/2016

Project Manager: Robert Kun

Inspector: Bobby Roberts

Haywood Road Multimodal

Status: Construction

Status Update:

All sidewalks complete, working on wall. Work began 10/05/15. Pre-Con meeting on 9/24/15. Contract and budget amendment passed by Council. Project has been advertised. On-street parking request denied by NCDOT. Continuing with contract as planned, without on-street parking.

Project may begin Summer '15. Revised estimate to \$268k from \$220k due to trend, rise in contractor bids. 8 on-street parking spaces were proposed by property owner. On-street parking reviewed and denied by NCDOT. Preliminary striping for lane shift and bike lane are complete.

Project Scope:

Sidewalk, Bike Lane, and Striping for Haywood Rd from Craven St. to Beecham's Curve.

Milestones:

10/05/15 Work Begins
9/24/15 Pre-Con MTG
08/25/15 Goes to Council
8/06/15 Open bids
7/16/15 - RFP Bid Package posted
7/14/15 Plans and contract revised
7/8/15 NCDOT rejects parking
06/22/15 Plans at NCDOT for approval for on-street parking request by Matt Dyer
All Easements Acquired.
Design Phase Complete.

Right of Way:

* 8 Donated - 1 Condemned
* Right-of-entry agreements renewed with property owners.

Last Project Update On: 1/19/2015

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Project Manager: Vinnie Sullivan

Inspector: TBD

French Broad Greenway - WEST

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

Phone conference this week to discuss changes to consultant's preliminary plans.

Project Scope:

Approx 1.2 mile greenway from Haywood Road Bridge to Amboy Road.

Milestones:

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 1/19/2016

Hazel Mill Rd Sidewalk

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Status Update:

Surveying has been completed. VTS to begin review of project.

Project Scope:

Sidewalk along Hazel Mill Rd from Patton Ave to N. Louisiana Ave. Only preliminary engineering currently. Project is programmed for FY17. This project will be scheduled after the developer receives permit approval.

Milestones:

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 12/21/2015

Hendersonville Rd Sidewalk

Status: Construction

Status Update:

Concrete pours continuing, but tentative due to cold weather. Water meter boxes delivered for project. Contractor to work on driveway crossings in lieu of sidewalks.

Project Scope:

Construction of pedestrian and transit improvements along Hendersonville Hwy. from Seminole Rd. to Long Shoals Rd., to include sidewalks, retaining walls, bus shelters, pedestrian signals, etc.

Working with NC DOT to process reimbursements. Meeting with Blue Ridge Parkway to coordinate construction at intersection.

Milestones:

6/15 - Advertise project for bids
7/15 - ROW Acquisition Complete
8/15 - Bid Opening (2nd)
9/15 - Council Resolution for Contract
10/15 - Award Contract
12/16 - Complete construction

Right of Way:

All 31 easements have been recorded and final payments to property owners have been processed.

Last Project Update On: 1/19/2016

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Project Manager: **Walter Ear**

Inspector: **TBD**

RADTIP

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

Project Scope:

UP NEXT:

- * Staff Review of 75% plans. Comments due to CDM Smith on Dec 9th.
- * Right-of-Way plans submitted to NCDOT for review. Standing by for comments/approval.
- * Currently reviewing streetscape plans with River Redevelopment Team, CDM Smith and SDS.

River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP). Scope primarily redevelops the riverfront along Riverside Drive, and Lyman St into a multimodal transportation corridor.

RECENT HISTORY:

- * 11/17/15 Utility Coordination Meeting held with CDM Smith, So-Deep, and Utility Providers (Duke Energy, PSNC, MSD, AT&T, and COA Water Department)
- * 10/30/15 Received 75% plans from CDM Smith.
- * Weekly meetings ongoing for River Redevelopment Team (RRT) Coordination, Mondays.

Milestones:

Right of Way:

2015
Nov - Utility Coordination Meeting
2016
Apr - 100% Design Complete
Jun - FHWA ROW Deadline
Aug - End of Federal FY
Sep - FHWA Funding Obligated
2017 - Begin Construction (late 2016 possible)

In-progress. See COA Real Estate Department for details.

Last Project Update On: 11/19/2015