

Capital Projects Progress Report Nov 2015

for the Multimodal Transportation Commission, and Subcommittees

City of Asheville
Capital Projects Management Division

Transportation Department

Project Manager: **Chuck Watson**

Inspector:

Hazel Mill Rd Sidewalk

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Status Update:

Surveying has been completed.

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: 11/16/2015

Livingston Street Complete Street

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

The designer is working on preliminary designs based upon feedback obtained from the public, stake holders and City staff.

NOTE: Design contract is currently managed by the Transportation Dept, Barb Mee. Capital Projects will assist as needed construction once designed.

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: 11/19/2015

New Leicester Highway Sidewalk

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

Next Action:

- Request design authorization from NCDOT
- Route Municipal Agreement for signature, and return to NCDOT

Most Recent History:

- Municipal Agreement approved by City Council (11/17)

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: 11/19/2015

Project Manager: **Dewayne Riddle**

Inspector:

Clingman Forrest Greenway

Status: ROW & Utility Relocation

Status Update:

10-14-15 -Reviewing plans and cost estimate.

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:

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Project Manager: **Dewayne Riddle**

Inspector:

Town Branch Greenway

Status: Preliminary Engineering

Status Update:

10-14-15 Working on review of plans and cost estimate.

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: 11/13/2015

Project Manager: **Robert Kun**

Inspector: **Bobby Roberts**

Haywood Road Multimodal

Status: Construction

Status Update:

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: 11/13/2015

New Haw Creek Sidewalk

Status: Design (In-House)

Status Update:

Received proposal for pedestrian bridge. Recommendations given by NCDOT. New plans and estimates (\$219,000 plus money for City Staff time) have been made based on recommendations and presented to Ken Putnam. Have rough estimate on pedestrian bridge and are exploring options.

Project Scope:

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

Milestones:

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

Right of Way:

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Project Manager: Vinnie Sullivan

Inspector:

French Broad Greenway - WEST

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Status Update:

Walk-through of site with Greenway Commission completed. Provided feedback on cost estimates from consultant.

Project Scope:

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

Milestones:

Right of Way:

Last Project Update On: 11/16/2015

Hendersonville Rd Sidewalk

Status: Construction

Status Update:

Initial concrete pour scheduled for 11/16. DOT alerted for testing, but not confirmed. Confirmation expected this morning.

Inspection services to be provided by NC DOT, but no starting date confirmed as of yet.

First pay application received in processing.

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.

Milestones:

6/8 - Advertise project for bids
7/1 - 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.

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Project Manager: **Walter Ear**

Inspector: **TBD**

RADTIP

Status Update:

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.

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:

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)

Status: Design (by Consultant)

Project Scope:

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

Right of Way:

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

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<u>CPMD PM</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>CPMD Proj ID</u>	<u>MUNIS</u>
Chuck Watson	Hazel Mill Rd Sidewalk	Preliminary Engineering		TR-15-16-002	K1606
Chuck Watson	Livingston Street Complete Street	Design (by Consultant)		TR-15-16-006	Q1501
Chuck Watson	New Leicester Highway Sidewalk	Design (by Consultant)		TR-15-16-001	K1604
Dewayne Riddle	Clingman Forrest Greenway	ROW & Utility Relocatio		TR-15-16-008	R1403
Dewayne Riddle	Town Branch Greenway	Preliminary Engineering		TR-15-16-009	R1301
Robert Kun	Haywood Road Multimodal	Construction	Bobby Roberts	ENG-12-13-013	K1301
Robert Kun	New Haw Creek Sidewalk	Design (In-House)	TBD	ENG-13-14-010	K1502
Vinnie Sullivan	French Broad Greenway - WEST	Design (by Consultant)		Q1521	Q1521
Vinnie Sullivan	Hendersonville Rd Sidewalk	Construction	Bryan Abbajay	ENG-12-13-015	K1404
Walter Ear	RADTIP	Design (by Consultant)	TBD	CPM-14-15-011	Q1401

**Transportation Planning Division
Project updates
December 2, 2015**

On-going

- **RADTIP**
 - 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.**
 - POC meeting on June 25
 - Presentation to the MMTC on July 22.

- **French Broad River Greenway West-** French Broad River Greenway (Duke Energy property) and connection between FBR Park and Carrier Park
 - FBR Greenway: A change order is necessary to have a no rise certification made for the FBR West Phase 2. The alignment with the Craven St phase is very constrained (in a DOT ROW, in a floodway and aligning with two trails – the main Craven St. greenway trail and the spur trail that ascends to Haywood St Bridge). We are waiting on an official estimate for the work from Stewart Engineering but it will be no more than \$12,000-15,000.

- **ISO 14000 - ART**
 - Second audit on August 18-19.

- **ADA restructuring**
 - No updates

- **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**

- Education campaign on-going; enforcement operations taking place.
 - Highway Safety Research Center data collection has begun and will continue intermittently.
 - Campaign scheduled to end November 30, 2015.
 - 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

- **Designing for Pedestrian Accessibility Workshop**
 - Workshop held on October 6.
 - Over 35 members of city staff from all levels attended workshops.
- **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**
 - Davenport is the consultant, 25% design, revised 11/13 based on public input, is available for review.
 - Info and links at project page http://www.ashevillenc.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, 9/29.
 - City blog posting and tweet seeking review/comment, 10/14.
- **Beaucatcher Greenway:**
 - The construction drawings for the greenway and trailheads are in progress and due to be completed in June. Once the construction documents are complete the permitting and bid process will initiate.
- **Craven Street**
 - The trailhead design for the Craven Street end of the French Broad River Greenway West Phase One is nearly finalized. Drawings will be sent in next month's packet.

- The City of Asheville is applying for Tourism Product Development Funds (TPDF) through the Buncombe County Tourism Commission. The final application is due the end of August.
- The project scope:
- The River to Ridge: Riverfront Destination Development Project -- 2.0, builds upon a comprehensive set of brick and mortar projects that are transforming the River Arts District and its gateways into a fully-developed destination of interesting attractions for the leisure traveler.
- The vision for this project phase is to create an enjoyable outdoor recreation experience that connects from the scenic Beaucatcher Overlook Park (30 acres of urban greenspace preserved for recreation) to the River Arts District and beyond, arriving at recreation destinations along the French Broad River at Carrier Park, including the City of Asheville's velodrome. Asheville's velodrome -- an outdoor cycling track -- will be resurfaced and renovated as part of the development of this cohesive vision. The specific project elements are:
 - **1. River to Ridge Greenway Trail Connection**
Beaucatcher Greenway – construction of a greenway trail from historic Helen’s Bridge trailhead to recreational facilities at McCormick Field (home of the Asheville Tourists) and Memorial Stadium (used for outdoor play and spectator sports)
 - **2. French Broad River Greenway Network**
French Broad River Greenway West Bank connection – The 25% drawings for the French Broad River West Greenway Phase Two have been reviewed and it has been found that the alignment to the Craven Street Greenway has triggered a need for a “No-rise” certification. We are currently submitting a change order that will be presented to Council ASAP. Due to rain, the Greenway Committee rescheduled a field trip to the French Broad River West Phase Two during their November meeting on 11/5 at 3:30pm and will leave from City Hall. If MMTC is interested in coming, please contact Lucy Crown at lcrown@ashevillenc.gov.
 - **3. Improvements to connect visitors to riverfront recreation**
 - o Velodrome rebuild – park and track improvements to the existing Carrier Park velodrome, including complete resurfacing of the track
 - o Crosswalk and river access – development of improved safety features across Amboy Rd. into Carrier Park, as well as construction of a river access point
- By linking multiple cultural and recreational elements, this project gives the leisure traveler a variety of opportunities to exercise, explore, and enjoy at least a day's worth of activities in and around the River Arts District -- an area that is booming with investment and renewed interest.
- This project continues the destination development vision that was partially funded by the TPDF in 2014. The enhancements proposed expand the connections from the RAD, offering a richer experience for leisure travelers. The City of Asheville is happy to discuss this vision

with the Tourism Development Association and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, as we work together to stimulate economic development and strengthen place making in Asheville that appeals to leisure travelers.

- **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.