

TRANSPORTATION

THE CITY OF
ASHEVILLE

NOVEMBER 2024

BOND
REFERENDUMS

\$20
MILLION



PROJECTS

FUNDED THROUGH 2016 BOND

- Haywood Street Improvements in Downtown (complete)
- Replacement and widening of sidewalk, roadway improvements, and street amenities including benches, bike facilities, and street trees
- Reed Creek Greenway Extension in North Asheville (complete)
- Elsie's Bridge pedestrian connector facilities in Central Asheville
- Shiloh Area Improvements in South Asheville (complete)
- Installation of new sidewalk, accessible ramps and crosswalks to enhance pedestrian safety along Brooklyn Road and Hampton Street and connect the Community Center to the Shiloh Community Garden
- Swannanoa River Greenway in South Asheville (construction begins September 2024)

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A bond referendum is a vote by the electorate to authorize the City to issue bonds to generate revenue for a specific project. In July 2024, the Asheville City Council voted to put four general obligation bond referendums totaling \$80M before Asheville voters in the November 5 general election. Voters will vote separately for each category.

2024 Prioritized Projects*

If approved by voters, 2024 Transportation funds will be used for the following prioritized projects:

\$10M Road Resurfacing

- Bevlyn Drive
- East Hawthorn Drive
- Emma Road
- Forest Lake Drive
- Haywood Street
- Montford Avenue
- Schenck Parkway
- West Asheville School Road
- Senator Reynolds Road
- Sunset Drive
- Thompson Street

\$4.5M Sidewalk and Other Pedestrian Safety Improvements

- Eagle/Market Street
- Haywood Street
- Lexington Avenue
- London Road

\$5.5M Greenways / Multi-use Paths

- North Reed Creek Design and Construction
- Smith Mill Creek Feasibility and Design

*Additional projects will be identified with equity, sustainability, current CIP projects and opportunities to maximize state and federal funding in mind.

Why were these projects prioritized?

Proposed projects reflect community priorities gathered in community engagement efforts and the most recent National Community Survey™ of Asheville residents.

Plans and Studies that informed the proposal of this project:

- Close the GAP Plan (Greenway Plan / ADA Transition Plan/Pedestrian Plan)
- I-26 Mitigation Plan
- Municipal Climate Action Plan
- National Community Survey™

Infrastructure projects are typically funded through the City's capital improvement program, also known as the CIP. The capital expenditures in the proposed bond program will supplement these projects which are currently funded in the 2024-2029 CIP:

- Airport Road Sidewalks
- Coxe Avenue Complete Street
- I-26 Improvements
- Livingston Street Complete Street
- Patton Avenue Sidewalks
- Wilma Dykeman Greenway



In the 2023 National Community Survey 89% of respondents ranked improvements to roads, sidewalks, bikeways & greenways as essential or very important.



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