

RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING LYMAN ST ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES WHICH INCLUDE SIDEWALKS, PROTECTED BICYCLE FACILITIES AND GREENWAY ABOVE ALL OTHER RADTIP FACILITIES.

Whereas: After public input sessions and review by city boards and commissions, including Multimodal Transportation Commission, Greenway Committee, and Riverfront Redevelopment Commission, city staff recommends “that council confirm the authorization to proceed with Concept 1, Phase 1, as previously approved.” At the public input sessions, members of the public expressed strong support for a complete, single-phase build-out of Lyman St that would include sidewalks, two-way protected cycle track and greenway (Phases 1 and 2 of Concept 1).

Whereas: A complete build-out of the Lyman St corridor from the future roundabout to Amboy St bridge is critical to the safety of Asheville’s future active transportation network because this segment provides essential connectivity and sets a precedent for future active transportation facilities along the French Broad River and Swannanoa River corridors. Furthermore, sidewalks, protected bicycle facilities, and a greenway on Lyman St will one day serve to connect Swannanoa, East Asheville, South Asheville, West Asheville, Kenilworth, Biltmore Village, Woodfin, Weaverville, and Marshall. Such facilities will enable community members to travel by a variety of modes to connect to a variety of destinations safely. Heavy use of this core infrastructure is anticipated.

Whereas: The core greenway system along the river must be built to adequate capacity and a 10-foot greenway alone will not achieve that. Sidewalks and a two-way protected cycle track are essential to accommodate anticipated active transportation demand and ensure safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

Asheville City Council recognizes that the full build-out of Lyman St, including Phases 1 and 2 of Concept 1, from the future roundabout to Amboy Rd bridge which includes sidewalk, protected bicycle facilities, and greenway, is the highest priority of all RADTIP facilities and is determined to fund the single phased build-out of this segment above all other RADTIP facilities.

Asheville City Council will implement a specific process in the next two months designed to identify and/or secure funding for a full build-out of Lyman St that includes all components of Phases 1 and 2 of Concept 1.