



City of Harrisonburg

City Hall
409 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Meeting Agenda - Final

Bicycle and Pedestrian Sub-Committee

Monday, March 23, 2026

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 11

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attachments: [2026-03 Subcommittee Presentation](#)

2. Public Comments

There will be an open time for members of the public to comment (maximum 5 minutes) regarding observations or concerns that they wish for staff and/or the Subcommittee to evaluate or address. Comments regarding the items to be discussed later in the meeting are to be held until that item has been presented, at which point there will be time for public comment.

3. Election of Subcommittee Chair

The members of the Subcommittee will elect a Chair for the 2026 calendar year.

4. Confirm 2026 Meeting Dates

Meetings are proposed to continue being held at 6pm on the 4th Monday of odd-numbered months. Potential additional meetings are tentatively proposed for August and October, should planning efforts related to updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan warrant meeting. Planned 2026 meeting dates are:

- April 27
- June 1
- July 27
- Tentative: August 24
- September 28
- Tentative: October 26
- November 30 (alternative date to Thanksgiving week)

5. SMART SCALE Round 7 Update

Staff will present updates regarding the city's planned SMART SCALE project applications.

6. Overview of Capital Project Funding Sources

Staff will provide information about the primary funding sources, including state and federal grants, that the City pursues to fund transportation projects.

7. Project Updates

Staff will answer any questions regarding the attached updates on funded projects.

Attachments: [2026-03 Project Updates](#)

8. Other Business/Announcements

Adjournment

Notice to Public

Residents/Media may attend the meeting in person or may email comments to jakob.zumfelde@HarrisonburgVa.gov. Public comments must be received by 6pm on the day prior to the meeting. Any comments received that indicate that they are for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting will be shared at the meeting. The meeting will be streamed live on the "Harrisonburg Public Works" Facebook page.



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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SUBCOMMITTEE

March, 23 2026



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SMART SCALE ROUND 7 UPDATES

March 23, 2026





SMART SCALE Applications

- Northend Greenway: Monroe Street to Downtown
- Chicago Avenue Corridor Improvements
- MLK Jr. Way and East Market Street Multi-Modal Improvements
- North Mason Street Study
- Port Republic Road Improvements: Devon Lane to Neff Avenue
- Vine Street Corridor Safety
- Virginia Avenue Corridor Safety
- **Port Republic Road Improvements: Exit 245 & Forest Hill Road**



SMART SCALE Timeline

- Pre-application due April 1, 2026
- Full application due August 1, 2026
- Scores released in early 2027
- Decisions about funding made by Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in or around June 2027
- Money allocated for projects in fiscal years 2029/30
- Project construction in or around 2033

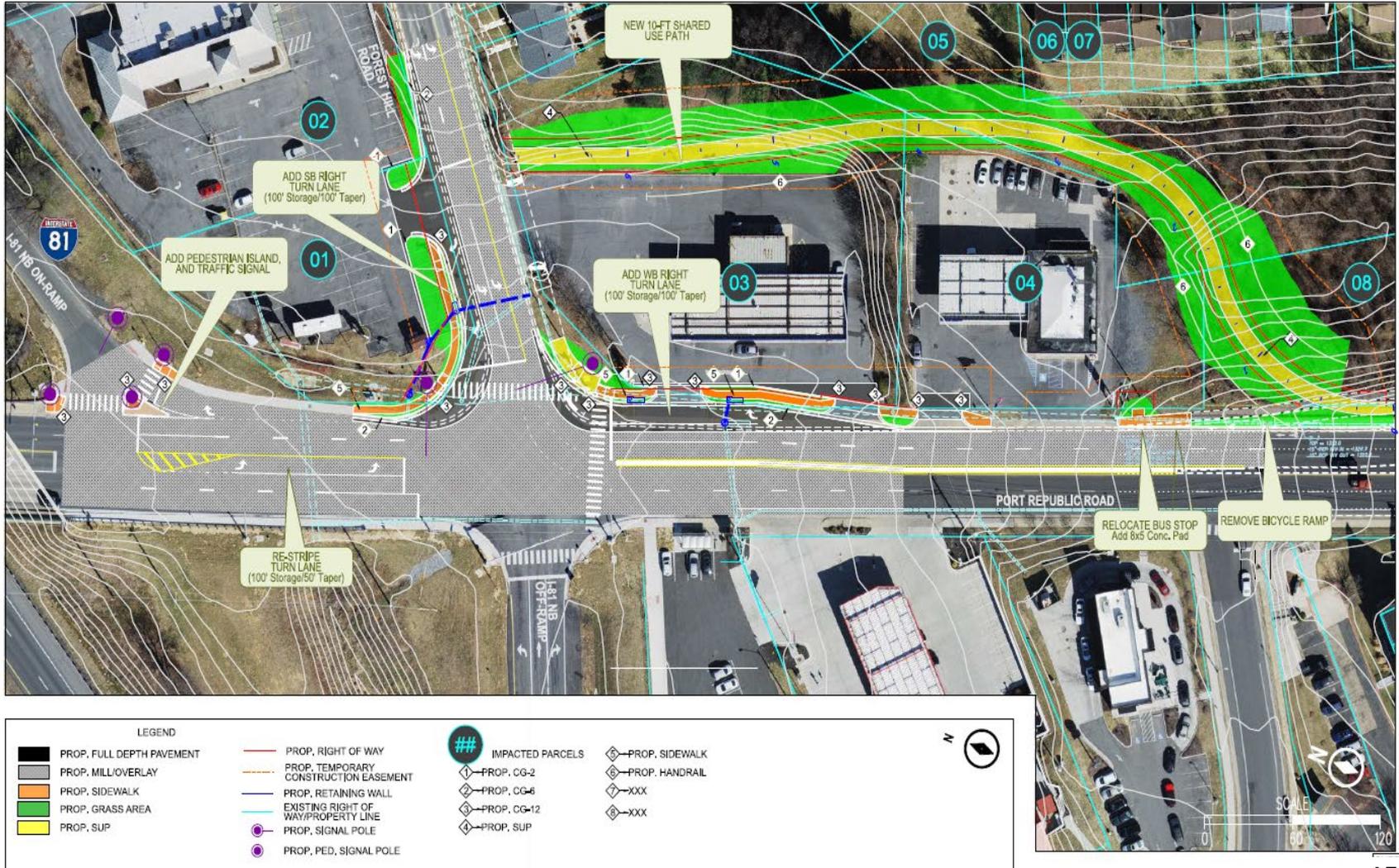


Port Republic Road Improvements: Exit 245 & Forest Hill Road

- 2024 Project Pipeline Study
- Successful Round 6 SMART SCALE Application
- Plan is to resubmit for Round 7
- Components
 - Extend two lane queue length for SB off-ramp
 - Add right-turn lane on Port Republic Road at Forest Hill Road
 - Extend median on Port Republic Road to Forest hill Rd
 - Extend protected bike lane on Port Republic Road to Forest Hill Road
 - Dual right-turn lanes on Forest Hill Road at Port Republic Road
 - Additional intersection changes
- Total Cost = **\$12-15 million**



Port Republic Road Improvements: Exit 245 & Forest Hill Road



LEGEND			
	PROP. FULL DEPTH PAVEMENT		PROP. RIGHT OF WAY
	PROP. MILL/OVERLAY		PROP. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
	PROP. SIDEWALK		PROP. RETAINING WALL
	PROP. GRASS AREA		EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY/PROPERTY LINE
	PROP. SUP.		PROP. SIGNAL POLE
			PROP. PED. SIGNAL POLE
	IMPACTED PARCELS		PROP. SIDEWALK
	PROP. CG-2		PROP. HANDRAL
	PROP. CG-6		XXX
	PROP. CG-12		XXX
	PROP. SUP		



North Mason Street study

Preferred Alternative

- After feedback from 2/24 Public Hearing and input from Fire Dept
- **Open space option selected**
- North Main Street
 - Remove existing traffic signal
 - Intersection ped crossing changes
- Roundabout at Gay Street
- Left turn lanes at Rock Street
- Keep traffic signal at Wolfe Street
- Elizabeth Street
 - Keep traffic signal
 - New northbound left turn lane



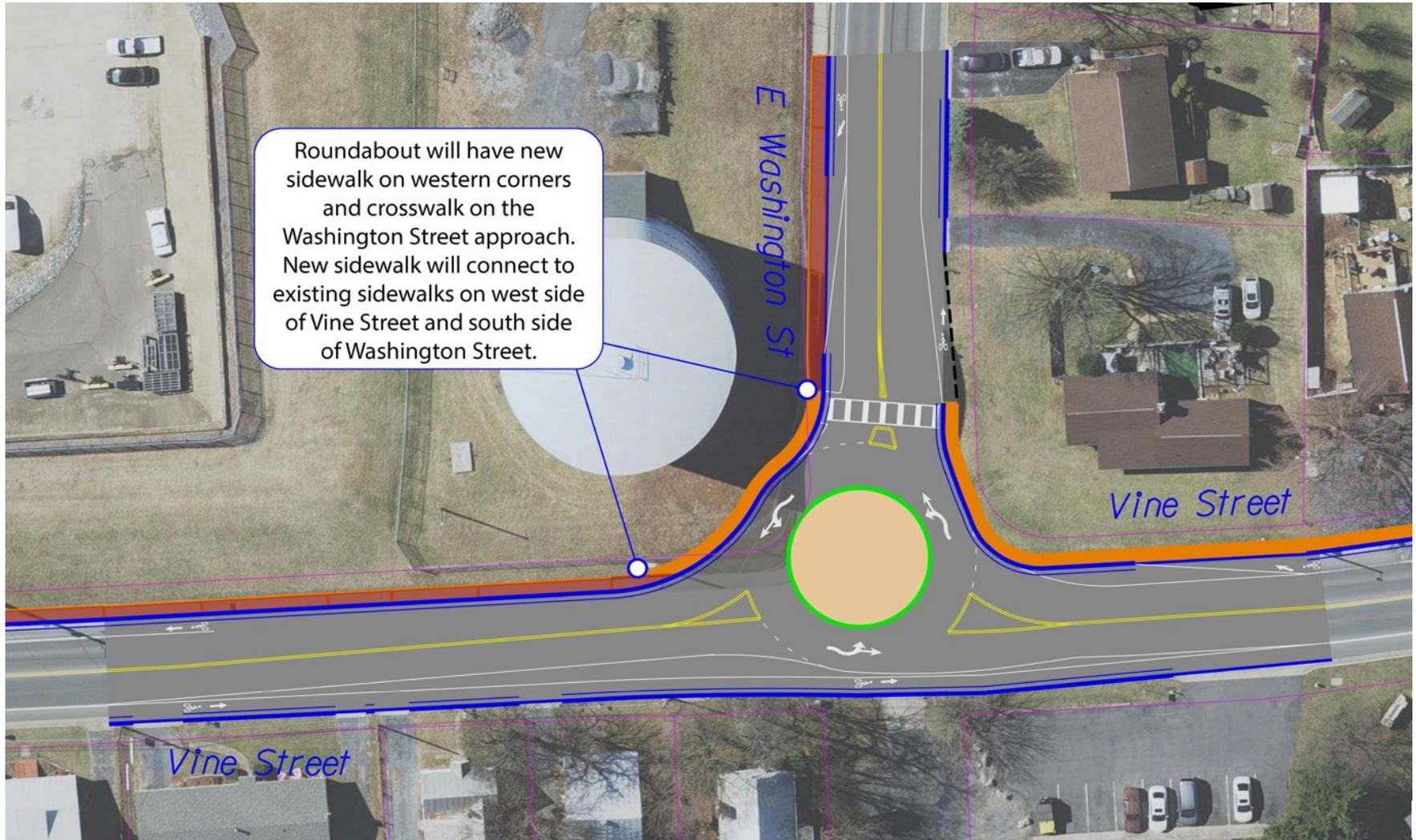


Vine Street Corridor Safety Project Application Changes

- Vine Street at Washington Street
 - Roundabout with bike ramps to surrounding wide sidewalk
- Vine Street at Old Furnace Road
 - No roundabout, left turn lanes added on Old Furnace Road and traffic signal improvements
- Vine Street at Honeysuckle Lane
 - No changes
- Vine Street at Country Club Road
 - No changes
- New sidewalk
 - Construct continuous sidewalk on at least one side of roadway from East Market Street to North Main Street
 - Construct sidewalk connection from Vine Street to Wren Way
- Improved Transit Access
 - New RRFBs and ADA shelter pads at bus stops near Meadowlark Dr. and Leslie Ct.



Vine Street Corridor Safety





Virginia Avenue Corridor Safety Project Application Changes

- Project Pipeline study looking at Virginia Avenue from Gay Street north to City/County Line
- Changes at Gay Street intersection (**move back existing westbound stop bar**)
- Construct multiple new crosswalks and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) between Gay Street and 5th Street
- **New left turn lanes on Virginia Avenue at 3rd Street signalized intersection**
- Right in / Right out treatment at 5th Street + median gateway treatment
- Minor changes at Edom Road intersection
- Short median segment on Mt. Clinton Pike west of Virginia Avenue
- **Short median segment on Virginia Avenue between VMRC and Acorn Drive**
- New sections of sidewalk
 - South side of Mt. Clinton Pike between Virginia Ave and Gift & Thrift
 - West side of Virginia Ave in front of Harmony Square Shopping Center
 - West side of Virginia Ave between Harmony Drive and Willow Hill Circle

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Funding Projects



Funding Sources – SMART SCALE

SMART SCALE

State of Good Repair

Revenue Sharing

Transportation Alternatives

Virginia Highway Safety
Improvement Program

Other

- Applications accepted in the even years; deadline is August 1, 2026
- Many types of projects eligible
- Objective, outcome-based scoring process
- Scoring factors:
 - Safety
 - Congestion Mitigation
 - Accessibility
 - Land Use
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental Quality
- Projects are fully funded
- Commonwealth Transportation Board determines project funding decisions

<https://smartscale.virginia.gov/>



Funding Sources - SGR

SMART SCALE

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Virginia Highway Safety
Improvement Program

Other

Local Paving

- Applications accepted annually, in the fall
- Maximum request of \$1.5M per locality, per year
- Must be advertised within 12 months
- Must complete a Roadway Safety Analysis (RSA)

Local Deficient Bridges

- Applications accepted annually, in the fall
- Bridge must be on the National Bridge Inventory, must be structurally deficient, proposed work must take it out of SD status. Recent legislation makes CUSP bridges eligible.
- Must initiate PE or CN within 24 months

<https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/doing-business/for-localities/local-assistance/state-of-good-repair/>

Funding Sources – Revenue Sharing

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Virginia Highway Safety
Improvement Program

Other

- Applications accepted in the odd years; last accepted in 2025
- Provides 1:1 cash match funding (50% match)
- Program has up to \$200M per cycle (state funds)
- Locality limit \$5M per year; lifetime project limit \$10M matching funds
- Projects are funded based on priority:
 1. Construction projects that have previously received Revenue Sharing funding
 2. Construction projects that meet a VTrans Need or will accelerate a project in the locality's CIP
 3. Projects that address deficient pavement or bridges
 4. All other eligible requests

<https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/doing-business/for-localities/local-assistance/revenue-sharing/>

Funding Sources – TAP

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Virginia Highway Safety
Improvement Program

Other

- Applications accepted in the odd years; last accepted in 2025
- Intended to improve non-motorized transportation, enhance the public's travel experience
- Federally funded with required 20% local match
- Expected to be under construction within 4 years
- Includes Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities

<https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/doing-business/for-localities/local-assistance/transportation-alternatives/>

Funding Sources – VHSIP

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Improvement Program

Other

- Applications accepted annually, last was 10/31/24
- Six Systemic Safety Initiatives are eligible/prioritized
 - High Visibility Signal Backplates
 - Flashing Yellow Arrow
 - Pedestrian Crossings
 - Road Diets
 - Unsignalized Intersections
 - Curve Delineation
- Guidance
 - Average cost per treatment
 - Some components not eligible
- No local match

<https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/doing-business/technical-guidance-and-support/traffic-operations/vhsip/>

Funding Sources – Other

SMART SCALE

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Improvement Program

Other

- Virginia
 - Recreational Trails Program
 - State Trails funding
 - Economic Development Access – Development sites intended to attract private development
 - Recreational Access - Recreational and historic sites (road and/or bikeway access)
- Federal
 - BUILD (previously, RAISE and TIGER)
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
- Other
 - Local
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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Descriptions of funded projects can be found at <https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/transportation-projects>

- **Country Club Road sidewalk – completed!**

Sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of Country Club Road between Linda Lane and Spotswood Homes mobile home park. A signalized crosswalk will be installed at Linda Lane to provide a safe route for walking from this neighborhood to destinations including Smithland Elementary School and Skyline Middle School. Funded through VDOT Transportation Alternatives.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- 60% Plans and Public Hearing – 2024
- Right of Way – 2024
- Construction – completed!

- **Northend Greenway – Brookside Phase (no change)**

Shared use path will be constructed between Roberts Court and the existing path at Jefferson Street to connect these segments of the path. This will create a safer and more continuous route for people walking and biking in this neighborhood. Funded through VDOT Transportation Alternatives.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- 60% Plans and Public Engagement – 2024
- Right of Way – 2024-25
- Construction – 2027

- **North Main Street Sidewalks and Bike Lanes (no change)**

Sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of N. Main Street from the current sidewalk endpoints to Vine Street/Mt. Clinton Pike. The road will be widened to create bike lanes between Holly Hill Dr and Vine Street. Pedestrian signals, ramps, and crosswalks will be installed at the intersection with Vine Street/Mt. Clinton Pike. Funded through the VDOT SMART SCALE program.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- 60% Plans – 2024-25
- Right of Way – 2025-26
- Construction – 2027

- **Gay Street Road Reconfiguration** (no change)

The current lane configuration of Gay Street between Broad Street and Liberty Street requires those driving or biking to change lanes at one or more locations in order to continue straight on the street. This project proposes revising the configuration to improve operations and safety for people driving, biking, and walking on this segment of Gay Street. Changes include creation of turn lanes to safely accommodate left turns, addition of bike lanes, and construction of additional crosswalks and curb ramps at Main Street and Broad Street. These improvements can be made without widening the road, to avoid impacts to adjacent properties. The concept for this project was first identified in the [2014 Downtown Streetscape Plan](#) and a [study](#) was completed in 2022. Funding for the project is available through the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- Open House – held April 3, 2024 at Lucy Simms Center
- Design and Public Outreach – 2025/26
- Construction Planned – 2027

- **University Blvd and Evelyn Byrd Roadway Reconfiguration and Sidewalks** (no change)

This project will reconfigure University Blvd (0.7 miles) and Evelyn Byrd Avenue (1.3 miles) to improve safety by converting the streets from 4 lanes to 2 vehicle lanes, a center turn lane, and bike lanes. Sidewalks and improved bus stops will be constructed along University Blvd and Evelyn Byrd Ave. Funded through the VDOT SMART SCALE program.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- 60% Plans – 2023
- Right of Way – 2025-26
- Construction – 2027

- **Liberty Street Project**

This project, officially referred to as the Downtown Harrisonburg Streetscape and Mobility Transformation project, is funded by a federal RAISE grant and includes multiple components:

- The transformation of one lane (starting at Noll Drive at Kratzer Avenue, moving south down Liberty Street to Main Street) into two-way separated bicycle lanes, also known as a two-way cycle track, protected by a median separating the bike lanes from traffic.
- Installation of a connecting section of path from Grattan Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Way, where the Bluestone Trail begins.
- Upgrades at intersections, including adding pedestrian signals and curb bumpouts that improve safety for pedestrians and features such as decorative signal poles.
- Changes to the intersection of Liberty Street, Main Street and Grattan Street to improve safety at this intersection.

The schedule is planned as follows:

- Public Engagement and Preliminary Engineering – 2025-26
 - Kickoff Open House at City Council Chambers, 4:30-6:30pm, Dec 3rd
 - Design Public Hearing, Spring 2026, Location TBD
- Right of Way – 2026-27
- Construction – 2028-29