

## Asheville City Council February 28, 2023 Email Comments

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2/27/2023 9:49:00 PM	<p>Please accept these comments as the opinion of a Montford resident who still enjoys coming into downtown for dining, theater, concerts, parades, etc. No budget items should be placed ahead of recruiting and properly training and paying police and fire department personnel. If locals and tourists alike don't feel safe while enjoying our city and while walking in our neighborhoods, then everything else in the budget is meaningless.</p>
2/28/2023 1:47:00 PM	<p>Dear City of Asheville Mayor and Council,</p> <p>I would like to ask that the city prioritize funding to move forward quickly and proactively on implementing projects identified in the Close the GAP Plan adopted in October. Addressing ADA and pedestrian needs will have a broad impact - improving equity, public safety, public health, transportation needs, and sustainability.</p> <p>When I attended the public input session for the resurfacing of Haywood Road, I was concerned to learn that none of the representatives from NCDOT had heard of the Close the GAP Plan, despite the fact that the project has the potential to directly fulfill some of the goals outlined in the plan. Similarly, county representatives at the public input session for the 2043 Buncombe County Comprehensive Plan were unaware of Close the GAP. I would like to see the city better communicate and coordinate with NCDOT and Buncombe County to make this plan a reality.</p> <p>Close the GAP is an excellent document - the research, reasoning, priorities, and planning are in place. The need exists now. Now it's time to move forward with a fully funded, coordinated effort and make it happen.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jessie Shinn</p>