

Patton Ave Coxe to Asheland ADA Improvements

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Key Takeaways

- The City of Asheville (COA) has available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that need to be spent in order to meet Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) timeliness requirements.
- The Community Development Division identified unallocated CDBG funds and recommended funding public facilities, public improvement projects, and projects that improve accessibility in order to achieve compliance with CDBG program timeliness requirements.
- After the submission of proposed accessibility projects from multiple City departments, the Community Development Division determined that the accessibility project located at 108 Patton Avenue was the best fit for reallocation of \$300,000 in CDBG funds.
- Proposed activities are expected to be completed by April 2024, and will be funded from recaptured prior years' unobligated CDBG funds.
- This action requires an amendment to the HUD Annual Action Plan in order to proceed with the project.

Eligibility - 108 Patton Ave

- Community Development staff met with multiple City departments to discuss projects in their capital plans that would meet HUD CDBG requirements and address accessibility concerns.
- After reviewing all proposed projects for CDBG eligibility, benefit, and overall cost, staff is recommending that the accessibility project located at 108 Patton Avenue (between Coxe and Asheland) should be considered for funding at the estimated price of \$300,000. The proposed improvements are sidewalk and curb ramp replacement on both sides of Patton Avenue.
- This project is located in an area that has access to multiple essential services including: the Federal building, Buncombe County Health and Human Services, U.S. Post Office, banks, and is less than a block away from the Asheville Rides Transit station.
- Proposed activity is consistent with the goals and objectives of the CDBG program and was identified as a top priority in the City's GAP Plan

Project Overview



North side
Gingkos and
Black Gums

South side
Gingkos and
Lindens

18 Tree removals
17 Tree
replacements

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22 defects identified in 2022 Walkability Study. Does not include 3 non-compliant ramps

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COA: Priority ADA Project Groups 1 - 5

Map ID #	Road Name	Segment	Total Score	Funding Status	Next Step
1.A	Patton Ave	Clingman Ave/ Haywood St to Biltmore Ave	18	Planned Repaving Project (Includes ADA) Planned Protected Bike Lane Project (College St to Biltmore Ave)	Fund Planning to Address Remaining Pedestrian Needs
2.A	Lexington Ave	Entire St	15	Partially Funded (NCDOT# EB-5830)	Southside Ave to Patton Ave (Preliminary Engineering Funded) Remaining Sections Need Accessibility Funding
2.B	Haywood St	Entire St	15		ADA Compliance Review
3.A	Hilliard Ave	Entire St	14		Fund Spot Sidewalk ADA Compliance Review
3.B	Asheland Ave	Hilliard Ave to Phifer St/ Southside Ave	14		Fund Planning
3.C	Asheland Ave	Patton Ave to Hilliard Ave	14		ADA Compliance Review
3.D	Valley St	College St to Hazzard St	14		ADA Compliance Review
4.A	Church St	Entire St	12		Fund Spot Sidewalk ADA Compliance Review
4.B	Battery Park Ave	Entire St	12		ADA Compliance Review
4.C	Woodfin & Oak Sts	Entire St	13		ADA Compliance Review
4.D	College St	Patton Ave to Spruce St	12		ADA Compliance Review
4.E	Livingston St	Entire St	12		Fund Planning
4.F	Hospital Dr	Entire St	12		ADA Compliance Review

Issues to correct



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Staff Recommendation

- The reallocation of \$300,000 from recaptured prior years' CDBG funds would reaffirm the City's commitment to the Americans with Disabilities Act by undertaking activities that will remove architectural barriers, achieve compliance with HUD's timeliness requirements, and assist with the preservation of City facilities.
- This proposal would meet City Council's goals of (1) Well-planned and Livable Community and (2) An Equitable and Diverse Community.