



## Wild Cherry Bridge Construction Project

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This project relates to [Council's Strategic Operating Plan](#) in the areas of:

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Multimodal Transportation

Additionally, the project will provide infrastructure maintenance and increase the output of new sidewalks. It is identified as a need in the City of Asheville [pedestrian plan](#) and the budget for the project was included in the approved [FY 2011-12 Capital Improvement Program](#).



Expect minor traffic delays the week of **November 5**.

### Project Timeline

2011	
October 28	Request for Qualifications advertised for a firm to analyze the status of the bridge and determine whether it was more prudent to rehabilitate or replace the bridge and to prepare a design of the selected course of action  Mattern and Craig engineering firm was selected. Their <a href="#">recommendation</a> based on a Life Cycle Cost Analysis was to replace the bridge.
2012	
May 29	Formal request for bids for construction issued with a response date of June 14, 2012

June 14	Two bids received. Request for bids reissued because state statutes require a minimum of three bids
June 22	Three bids received. Lowest responsive bidder was Saddlebrook Construction.
July 24	Project awarded to Saddlebrook Construction, Inc.  <a href="#">Staff Report</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>
October 5	Citizen Alert phone message sent out to residents in the project area
Week of October 8	Contractor to move on site to start construction on the temporary bridge foundation
Week of Oct. 15	Contractor work will likely shut down one lane of traffic
Week of Nov. 5	<p>Temporary bridge scheduled to be delivered and installed. <b>[COMPLETE]</b></p>  <p>Minor traffic delays can be expected.</p>

<p>Week of Nov. 12</p>	<p>Traffic expected to shift to temporary bridge. <b>[RESCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF NOV. 19]</b></p> <p>Begin deconstruction of the existing bridge. <b>[RESCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF NOV. 19]</b></p>
<p>Nov. 19</p>	<p>Fire Department tests temporary bridge.</p>  <p>Temporary bridge opens to traffic.</p>
<p>Nov. 20</p>	<p>Begin deconstruction of existing bridge.</p> 

<p>Nov. 26-Dec. 8</p>	<p>Foundation work for new bridge taking place</p>
<p>Feb. 7</p>	<p>Contractor backfilling the abutment walls and preparing to set the beams and formwork for the bridge deck.</p> 
<p>Feb. 13</p>	
<p>Feb. 28</p>	<p>Bridge deck poured</p>