

A REFERENDUM?

A bond referendum lets voters have a say in whether the city should or shouldn't take out loans – called *bonds* – for new projects. On November 8, voters will be asked whether the city should issue bonds to pay for new sidewalks, road repairs, parks, affordable housing, and a new East Asheville greenway.

A GREENWAY?

A wide path, usually off-road, for walkers, bikers and joggers. A greenway can be a way to get to work or school, or – like a stretched-out park – simply a place to relax and enjoy. Asheville currently has 5 miles of greenways, mostly in West & North Asheville, with another 6 miles beginning construction soon.

TAXES?

Bonds are paid for with future tax revenues, either from higher tax rates or property values and future development. If all three bonds are approved, Asheville will need 4.15¢ of new revenue for every \$100 of property. In principle, bond projects mean a healthier community & economy, essentially paying for themselves.

There will actually be three bond categories – and three separate votes – on your November ballot: **Transportation**, **Parks & Rec**, and **Housing Affordability**. You do not have to vote the same way on all three.

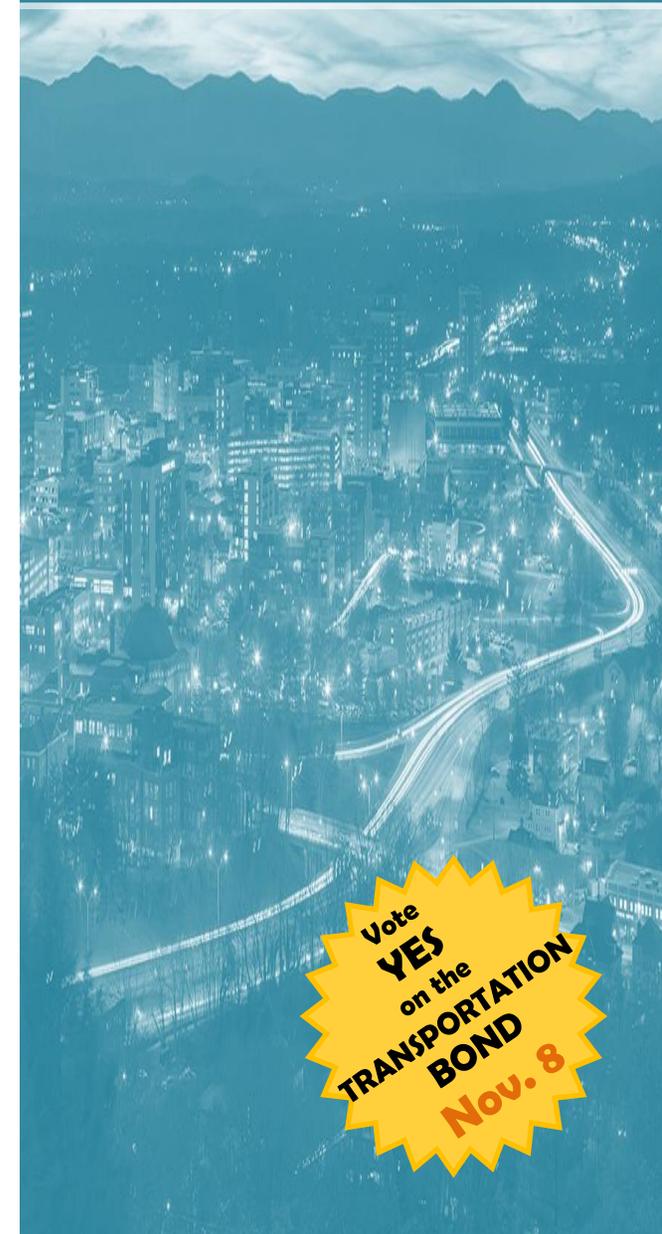
The East Asheville Greenway is part of the Transportation bond. Your ballot will read:

"Shall the order authorizing \$32,000,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of constructing, reconstructing, enlarging, extending and improving certain streets, including streets and roads constituting a part of the State highway system or otherwise the responsibility of the State and including the cost of related studies, streetscape and pedestrian improvements, relocation of utilities, plans and design; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, widening, extending, paving, resurfacing, grading or improving streets, roads, intersections, pedestrian and bicycle paths; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing or improving sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drains, bridges, overpasses, underpasses & grade crossings and providing related landscaping, lighting and traffic controls, signals and markers; acquiring, constructing, extending and improving greenways, providing related landscaping, retaining walls, storm drainage & any other necessary improvements; and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way in land required therefore, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds be approved?" **Vote YES to approve.**

Yes No

NOVEMBER 2016 BOND REFERENDUM

Transportation Bond Project: East Asheville Greenway

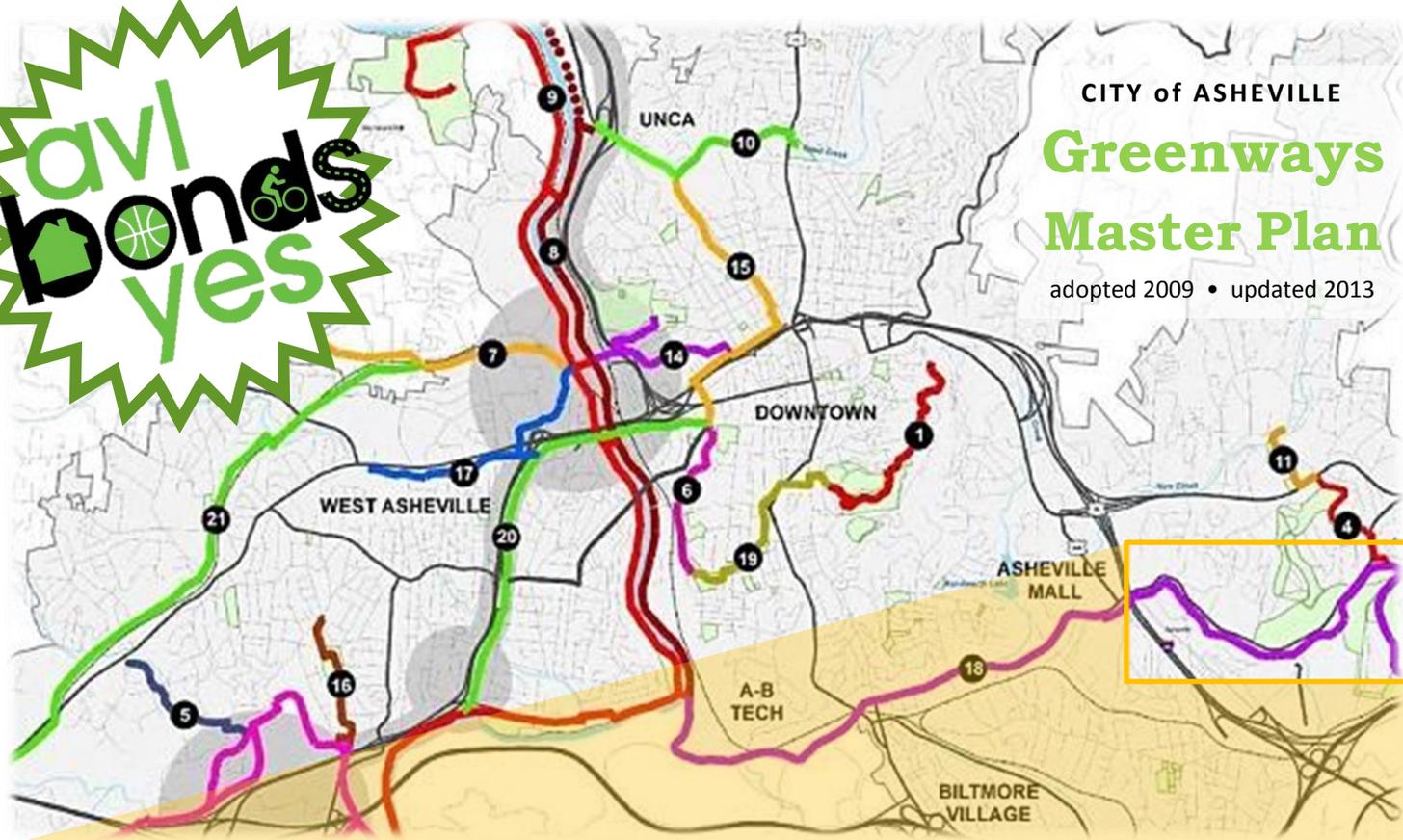


Vote
YES
on the
**TRANSPORTATION
BOND**
Nov. 8



CITY of ASHEVILLE
**Greenways
Master Plan**

adopted 2009 • updated 2013



The East Asheville Greenway is part of the **Greenways Master Plan**, a project to connect most parts of the city with off-road biking, walking and running paths.

It will run from the Parkway near Tunnel Rd, past **the Nature Center** to Wal Mart on Swannanoa River Rd, with future extensions connecting to River Arts & West Asheville!

A larger set of county and state projects will eventually connect this section to **Bent Creek, Black Mountain, Woodfin** – even Brevard & Lake James.

For now, it will mean a peaceful place to walk and bike in East Asheville; a traffic-free way to get to work, the park, or shopping. It will mean river land protected from Asheville's rapid development forever, preserved for free public use, plus improvements to help **reduce flooding in Biltmore Village & beyond.**

Length: 3 miles

Cost: \$3.6 million

Connects:

- **Wal Mart**
 - **Highland Brewing**
 - **Nature Center**
 - **JBL Soccer Park**
 - **Mountains-to-Sea Trail**
 - **Thomas Wolfe Cabin**
- & more*



Greenways: <http://tinyurl.com/avl-greenways>

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