

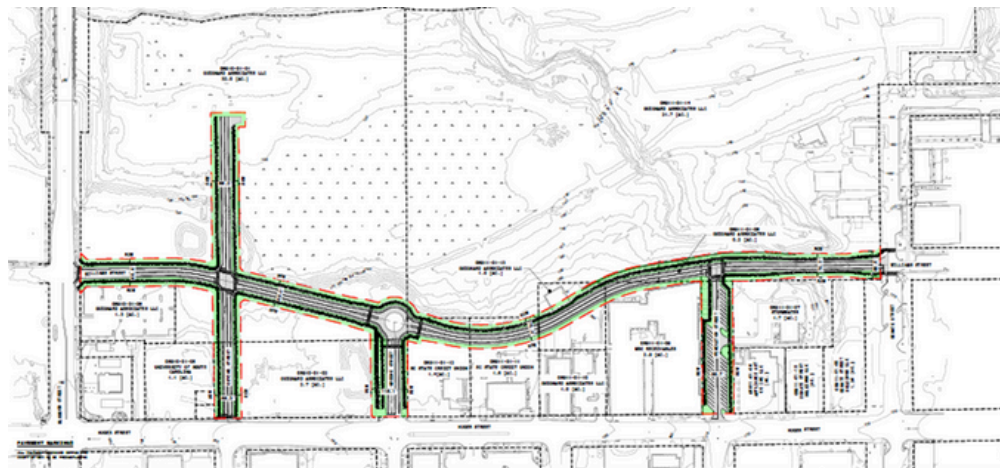


# WILLIAMS STREET EXTENSION

## Project Overview

The design of the Williams Street Extension project is complete. Bidding is planned for Fall 2025, with construction scheduled to begin early 2026. The project is estimated for a 24-month construction timeline.

The construction of the Williams St Extension project includes connectivity from Huger St at Greene St via a signalized intersection. This connection point will help facilitate development and redevelopment of properties along Huger and Blossom St in the vicinity of the project. In addition, the project includes the extension of Devine Street, providing access to the future waterfront park area. Williams St Extension is not intended to be a primary route through the City and instead, it is a low volume roadway for access into and out of the site. Design elements are heavily focused on the pedestrian and bicycle experience, with the project including a cycle track, or separated bicycle facility, which will be the second only in Columbia.



## What is the purpose of the Williams St Extension Project?

This project will provide infrastructure required for ingress/egress into the site for private development as well as access to the future waterfront park area. The project will develop new roadways, enhance existing roadways, and offer alternatives for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists along a major corridor of Columbia. It will reduce connectivity barriers and provide economic development opportunities. These improvements will be the catalyst for growth within an otherwise undeveloped span of waterfront property and a major step toward completing existing long-range plans of a waterfront park. All public and private development will adhere to applicable regulatory guidelines.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When will the project begin and how long will construction last?**

Construction activities should begin in early 2026 and are projected to take 24 months to complete.

## **What measures are being used to manage stormwater quality during construction and post construction?**

The design includes best practices stormwater management plans pre- and post-construction. Great effort has been made to ensure the project enhances the stormwater management on the entire site, to include water quality and water quantity measures as well as stabilizing the banks of Kinsler Creek in the areas impacted by the roadway project. In addition to the systems being planned for the Williams Street Extension Project, additional stabilization measures are anticipated to occur as part of the park project.

## **Will the road be a public roadway?**

Yes, the City will own and maintain the roadway.

## **Is the roadway intended to carry a large volume of traffic?**

Williams St Extension is not intended to be a high-volume roadway and is being designed with a heavy focus on the pedestrian and bicycle experience. The design incorporates traffic calming measures including a traffic circle as well as three-way and four-way stop signs. Sidewalks and a planting strip are planned for each side of the roadway along with a buffered cycle track along Williams St.

## **What will happen after the roadway is constructed?**

Once complete, the roadway will be placed into service, providing a needed access point for private parcels along Huger and Blossom as well as access to the riverfront park project area. By the time the roadway is complete, there will likely be construction taking place on park elements as well as private development along the major corridors.

## **Will any existing roadways be impacted by the project?**

There are transportation enhancements being planned for Huger and Blossom in the vicinity of the project. The City is working alongside SCDOT regarding these improvements and anticipates bidding the transportation improvement project in the first quarter of 2026.

## **Is the City paying for the land being used for the roadway project?**

No, the land needed for the project is being donated to the City by the property owner(s).

## **Are there other projects planned for this same area?**

Yes, there is a transportation improvement project planned for the Blossom Street and Huger Street intersection and associated travel ways. This project is expected to bid early 2026 and be under construction in late Spring 2026. In addition, the City is working in partnership with Guignard Associates, the Boyd Foundation, USC and USC Development Foundation on the public/private development along this corridor to include a public riverfront park that connects Granby Park to the existing Riverfront Park and includes private development opportunities that are complimentary to a regional park and the surrounding area.