

Below is a listing of FAQ's regarding Clarksville's improvement of Riverside Drive. Most of this information is included in the draft environmental document and design plans but listed here for ease of reference. Additional questions to the project team are welcome.

- What is a basic summary of the project?
 - The project will complete a reconstruction and widening of Riverside Drive between the eastern-most parking lot of Ashland Park and the Clarksville/Jeffersonville corporation limits (a distance of about 1,400'). The new roadway will have one lane in each direction plus on-street parallel parking on both sides. Sidewalks will be constructed along both sides of Riverside Drive. In addition to the sidewalks, a cycle-track will be constructed off the south side to act as the continuation of the Ohio River Greenway. The project will also involve drainage improvements by adding a new storm sewer system. Aesthetic enhancements include special signage, street lighting, and landscaping.
- What are Clarksville's goals with this project?
 - This project will complete a needed segment of the Ohio River Greenway, improve the sidewalk accessibility, and provide an improved drainage plan. The Town wants to continue the redevelopment efforts in the South Clarksville area.
- How much will this project cost?
 - The construction cost estimate is \$4.2 million. Federal transportation dollars will fund a portion of this project. Therefore, the project must conform to INDOT's and FHWA's standards and procedures.
- What is the schedule for construction?
 - Construction should begin in Summer 2023 and end in Fall 2024. Utility relocations may start to occur earlier.
- Will the Town need to acquire land for this project?
 - Clarksville will need to acquire new rights of way for this project. This is shown in the exhibits posted to the website. There are two forms of land acquisition:
 - Permanent right of way is land that the Town will seek to acquire as fee simple from property owners
 - Temporary right of way is land the Town will seek to acquire only for the duration of construction. Upon the project's completion, the land will revert back to the land-owner. Prior to that reversion, the contractor is required to restore the property per the plans and specifications.
- "Looking at the exhibits, it appears the Town will seek to acquire land from me. What do I need to do next?"
 - Property owners along Riverside Drive are encouraged to download the FHWA's booklet on land acquisition, which is also posted on the Town's website. This booklet is a good summary of your legal rights along with the process the Town will follow.
 - Clarksville has hired appraisers to determine the value of the areas seeking to be acquired. That is scheduled to start later this summer and be completed by end of 2020.
 - Clarksville has also hired real estate agents (certified buyers with experience in public agency rights of way acquisition) to extend offers to land owners and address questions. Offers are scheduled to be sent out in early 2021.

- What will happen to the trees and viewshed?
 - The design has tried to minimize impacts to trees as much as practical, but some tree removals will be needed. Since the project is within a floodway, Clarksville is required by state law to replant replacement trees. We expect the Department of Natural Resources to require a replacement ratio of 5:1, meaning for every tree removed. The design team understands the viewshed is critically important to the South Clarksville area. We will endeavor to find areas to plant replacement trees where other trees already exist to avoid creating new viewshed obstacles.
- What will happen to utilities?
 - Given the need to widen the roadway and install new, underground storm sewers, impacts to utility infrastructure is expected. Coordination with the utility companies has been on-going and will continue to do so until construction is complete.
- How will traffic be impacted during construction?
 - Since the existing roadway is relatively narrow, the safest option is to close Riverside Drive during construction. This is also much more efficient during construction. A detour route will be posted for both vehicular traffic and users of the Ohio River Greenway. The contractor is required to provide access to property owners along Riverside Drive, which is typically done by adding temporary pavement or stone. The exact duration of this closure is not yet known, but will likely be during the spring, summer and fall months of 2024.

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