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## **City of Charleston Meets Federal Funding Milestone for Ashley River Crossing Project**

**Charleston, S.C.** — The city of Charleston has reached a significant milestone for the Ashley River Crossing bicycle and pedestrian bridge by officially meeting all the requirements to use the federal grant funding awarded for the project.

The Ashley River Crossing will be roughly 0.4 miles in length, providing a safe connection between the downtown Medical District with West Ashley by running parallel to the Ashley River Bridges.

When completed, the bridge will connect to other city amenities like the West Ashley Greenway, Brittlebank Park and the Ashley River Walk.

In July 2019, the city of Charleston applied for The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant. This federal grant program has awarded \$7.1 billion to 554 projects in the last 10 years. In November 2019, the project was awarded the full requested amount of \$18.1 million.

On Sept. 30, the city met a most critical and final deadline in order to move forward to the next phase – working with the prequalified design/ build teams to compete for the final design and construction of the project.

Over the coming months, city staff will continue to work with those design/ build teams.

For more information, go to: <https://ashleyrivercrossing.com/index>.

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