

Pedestrian & Cyclist Connectivity

Waterfront to Downtown: Railroad Avenue, South Water Street, Central Avenue, South Street



Curb extension and bike lane example ([DRI Strategic Plan \(2020\)](#))

Project Sponsor: City of Peekskill

Related Work: [Enlighten Peekskill](#), [Civic Hub & Public Realm Improvements](#)

DRI Strategies: Strengthen linkages between the central business district and the waterfront; enhance the attractiveness of the downtown and waterfront environments; promote a healthy balance of downtown and waterfront uses; improve pedestrian and cyclist accessibility; beautify gateways to downtown and waterfront area

Project Description

The Pedestrian & Cyclist Connectivity project will reimagine the streetscapes connecting Peekskill's waterfront with the city's downtown core. The project will feature improved sidewalks and crosswalks, bike lanes, new street furniture and landscaping.

These improvements will encourage local residents, commuters and visitors to travel by foot or bike, thereby promoting alternative transportation, safety, sense of place, and economic activity for businesses in downtown and at the waterfront. The project will complement all three components of the *Enlighten Peekskill* initiative: a site-specific mural along Route 9 visible from Railroad Avenue, a planned sculpture trail featuring illuminated sculptures drawing visitors from the waterfront along Central Avenue into downtown; and artistic murals and banners throughout downtown and Pugsley Park. With these interventions, the incline from the Hudson River to the City's downtown will evolve from a barrier to mobility to an asset for the community.

Key Improvements

- Bike lanes and related biking infrastructure
- Bioswales, street trees, sidewalk repair, and pedestrian curb extensions
- Street signage, upgraded pedestrian signals, and new decorative street lighting



Example of key improvements ([DRI Strategic Plan \(2020\)](#))

Project Benchmarks

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| NYS funding contract signed | 6/17/2022 |
| Design consultant hired | 9/19/2022 |
| Public meetings/workshops held | |
| Final design presented and approved | |
| Construction documents finalized and permits obtained | |
| Construction contract awarded/construction begun | |
| Project complete | |