



**SAFE** SAFER ACCESS FOR EVERYONE  
LUMBERTON, NC

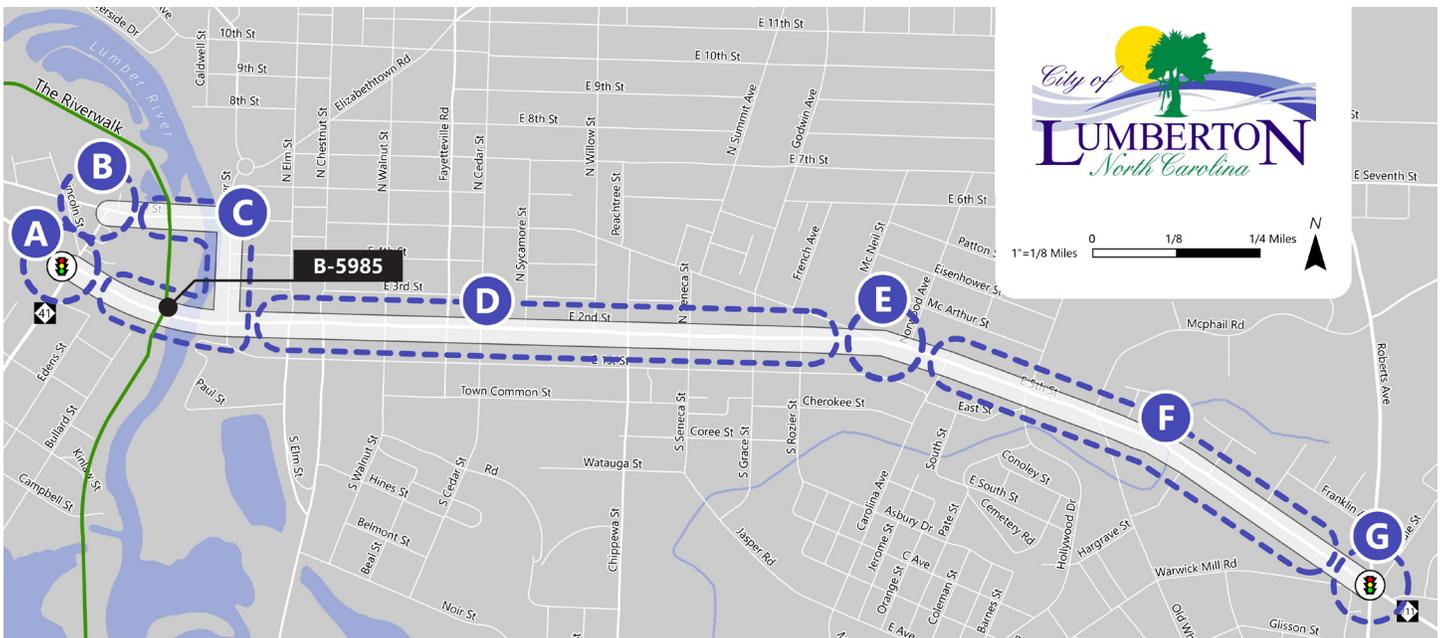
# Lumberton RAISE Project

## What is RAISE?

The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program helps communities throughout the United States make much needed infrastructure improvements. The RAISE grants were created originally under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as TIGER grants, however RAISE grants can be used for a wide variety of projects. USDOT has awarded \$9.9 billion to more than 700 projects. As part of President Biden's new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, there will be \$1.5 billion available in funding for 2022, which is a 50% increase from 2021. This year, USDOT is encouraging applicants to consider how their project addresses racial equity and removes barriers to opportunity. The application deadline is February 28, 2023 and selections will be announced by June 28, 2023.

## Opportunities for Lumberton

*SAFE Lumberton* is a grant for which the City is applying to create **Safer Access For Everyone**, in partnership with NCDOT. The RAISE grant will specifically improve pedestrian safety and multimodal access into the downtown area. Funding from the grant will facilitate connections from underserved neighborhoods in the south and west parts of town, to the east Lumberton mill village, the Riverwalk, and the downtown plaza area in the heart of the City. The project combines safety improvements identified by the City and NCDOT in a pedestrian safety study with additional improvements to complete the pedestrian network. The project will also improve safety for drivers, bicyclists, and disadvantaged populations along NC 72 by implementing two roundabouts, sidewalk improvements, bicycle lanes, and a Road Diet.



This map shows the proposed project, which is 2.1 miles along NC 72 between NC 41 and NC 211. The project is divided into seven sub-projects that will overall improve connectivity in the area and serve residents from historically-marginalized and underserved communities.

## How You Can Help

Please complete a letter of support and describe why you support the grant for our City. We appreciate your collaboration and partnership as we hope to secure this RAISE grant and make our City safer and more connected.

## Section A

At the western end of the corridor, at the intersection of NC 41 at NC 72, a roundabout will be installed, marking the transition into the downtown area. The roundabout design will offer pedestrian crossings and will connect residents to popular destinations. ▶

## Section B and C

At the intersection of Apple St and 5th St, the City will install high-visibility crosswalks to help residents cross safely to the flea market. Pedestrian signal head improvements will also be made, including a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI). The City will make systemic improvements along Water St and 2nd street with pedestrian refuge islands and lighting improvements. These improvements will enhance pedestrian safety at the Riverwalk crossings.

## Section D

Systemic improvements will be made at Elm/Chestnut St, the Seneca/2nd St, and Chippewa/2nd St crossing, and along 2nd St throughout downtown. At the uncontrolled crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands will be installed. The islands are proposed to include landscaping and 'yield here' signs. Also along the NC 72 corridor into downtown, there will be lighting improvements to enhance visibility and safety for pedestrians. ▶

## Section E and F

Sections E and F are proposed to include a roundabout at the eastern end of the corridor, at 2nd and 5th Street, additional crossings and implementing a Road Diet and sidewalk improvements between 5th St and 211.

## Section G

The improvements will be made at the Intersection of NC 211 and NC 72. Sidewalk does not exist at this intersection, and the nearby mobile home community and businesses would benefit from improved connectivity. The project will install sidewalks, a crosswalk, and LPI to help connect pedestrians to local businesses safely. ▶

