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CHARLOTTE'S SIDEWALK PROGRAM

As part of its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the City of Charlotte builds sidewalks to provide a safe, comfortable and connected pedestrian system to improve the quality of life of its residents, visitors and businesses.

The City's adopted Transportation Action Plan (TAP) calls for the prioritization, design, construction and maintenance of convenient and efficient transportation facilities to improve safety, neighborhood livability, promote transportation choices and meet land use objectives.

The City allocates money (through neighborhood bonds) to fund the Sidewalk Program. Sidewalks are requested and prioritized in accordance with the City's sidewalk retrofit policy.



WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL THIS PROJECT INCLUDE?

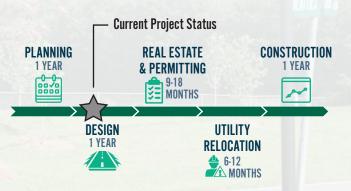
Hornet's Nest Park is a key community asset and includes many amenities that residents would like to utilize. While nearly 20 percent of the Sunset/Beatties Ford CNIP area is park/greenspace, safe access to the existing parks is very limited. This project's goal is to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections along Sunset Road and Beatties Ford Road, and make improvements to the intersection at the entrance of the park. This will give residents in adjacent neighborhoods, as well as students and staff at Hornet's Nest Elementary School better access by bike or foot to the park and retail at the intersection of Sunset and Beatties Ford roads.

Improvements include:

- A six (6)-foot sidewalk on the north side of Sunset Road from Oakdale Road to Beatties Ford Road
- > A six (6)-foot sidewalk on the east side of Beatties Ford Road from Sunset Road to McIntyre Creek and Trinity Road to Lakeview Road.
- > A ten (10)-foot sidewalk on the east side of Beatties Ford Road across McIntyre Creek, widening to 12-feet from the creek north to Trinity Road.
- Intersection improvements at Beatties Ford Road/ Trinity Road/ Hornet's Nest Park entrance and include left-turn lanes along Beatties Ford Road, pedestrian crosswalks and a traffic signal.

WHAT'S BEEN DONE AND WHAT'S NEXT?

The planning process is complete which included a public meeting at Hornets Nest Park on November 14, 2017. The project team has begun the detailed design phase of the project. Following the design phase, the City will begin the real estate acquisition phase to acquire the necessary easements and right-of-way to construct and maintain the proposed improvements. A second public meeting will be held prior to real estate acquisition which is anticipated to commence summer 2019. Below is a representation of the typical project delivery process for infrastructure improvements such as the Beatties Ford Road/Sunset Road pedestrian improvements.



If you have questions, please contact Marie Sugar, P.E., Project Manager with the City's Engineering & Property Management Department at 980-240-7859 or Marie.Sugar@charlottenc.gov

