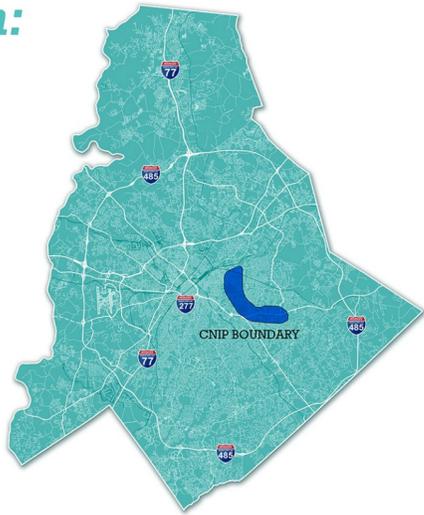


Location:



CENTRAL/ALBEMARLE/SHAMROCK Seven Projects

Overall Strategy:

Enhance existing places and create better linkages between them.



Eastway and Central



Shamrock Drive Complete Street Upgrade (Phase I - Plaza to Eastway)
Project will widen Shamrock to create a "complete street" to better serve bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, and adjacent neighborhoods. The project will include turn lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, and crossings to help create a better bike/pedestrian connection between Eastway and The Plaza and, eventually, to NoDa and the CATS Blue Line Light Rail.

Shamrock/Plaza/Matheson Intersections Study
Intersection planning study to determine how these intersections can better connect the neighborhoods on either side of The Plaza, potentially creating easier access to shopping along the corridor and into NoDa.

Eastway/Shamrock Intersection Re-Design
Potential project would re-design the intersection to better serve motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. This is a potential NCDOT project - City would partner for a portion of this intersection project.

Old Potter Road Trail - This project consists of several sections of improvements that would connect the Evergreen Nature Preserve to Kilborne Park and, eventually, the Future Briar Creek Greenway where it crosses Eastway Drive. The projects that will create this link include:

Kilborne Drive Upgrade
A sidewalk project on Kilborne Drive from Eastway Drive to Central Avenue is currently in design. With additional improvements to create a more complete street, Kilborne will provide a critical connection between Central and Eastway, allowing better access to Kilborne Park and future access to the planned Briar Creek Greenway where it will cross Eastway. The intent of improvements will be to, where possible, provide better pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, streetscape, and landscaping.

Central/Kilborne/Norland Intersection
This is the Central Neighborhood node connecting the two sides of the Old Potter Bikeway (as well as a neighborhood retail node along the future Gold Lane). The project would include pedestrian and bicycle improvements at the intersection (and approaches) and public space near the intersection to create community identity. This portion of the Old Potter Road Trail will likely require private partnerships.

Norland/Evergreen Upgrade
Mecklenburg Park and Recreation is providing a new parking area and entrance, along with trail improvements to the Nature Preserve. The complete street upgrade between Central and the Preserve would include sidewalks, bike lanes (or other facilities), and wayfinding.

Eastway Drive Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements Study
The goal of the study is to identify and refine specific opportunities/locations to improve Eastway Drive to make it more pedestrian friendly. These improvements may include providing better sidewalks, landscaping, and/or crossing opportunities at various locations. Crossing locations will be considered in areas with concentrations of pedestrian and commercial activities and/or at locations that would connect a broader bicyclist/pedestrian network. Improvements to the east-west bicyclist and pedestrian connections throughout the Eastway corridor will also be considered between the future Briar Creek Greenway/Merry Oaks Neighborhood and Kilborne Park.

Campbell Creek Greenway Connection/Albemarle Road
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation plans a new multi-use greenway path along Campbell Creek, that will cross Albemarle Road and continue to Campbell Creek Park. Numerous parcels have already been acquired for future construction. This project would complement the greenway by designing and constructing the crossing at Albemarle Road. The crossing would include nearby streetscape and/or pedestrian improvements and seek to address two main items of concern in the immediate vicinity: security and aesthetics.

The City plans to build a pedestrian tunnel under Albemarle Road, construct wider sidewalk and planting strips between the intersections of Executive Drive and Farm Pond Lane, and provide a combination of landscaping, hardscape elements, lighting, and art to create a sense of arrival.

The importance of the project is considerable since the crossing of Albemarle Road represents a significant hurdle for the Mecklenburg Park and Recreation. Funding and completing the greenway will help elevate the planning, design, and construction, which will truly create a transformative change for the area.

Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Program Selected Projects

