The Loop

- Originated from the Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Program (CNIP)

- Identified through the public engagement process as a top priority

- Project involved a number of public engagement activities over the course of 6 months
The Vision
To be a catalyst Project that brings energy and vitality to SouthPark by providing additive experiences that further enhance the overall community.

Inspire new people to Discover SouthPark, connect communities and people, and further enhance SouthPark’s appeal as a place to live, work, and play. To achieve this The Loop will need:

1. Public & Inclusive
2. Pedestrian-centered
3. Connected
4. Nimble & Flexible
5. Active

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1. Must-see experiences that motivate people to use The Loop
2. Day-to-day relevance to the community
3. Vibrant & Inspiring Placemaking

“Create Life-Enhancing Experiences
Make It Easy
A Series of Dynamic Destinations
Be Welcoming”

Photo credit: Transportation for America
The Brand

The Loop brand is a vivid representation of the design principles and goals set out in the Framework Plan. The Brand’s logo, icon, and design elements represent thoughtful consideration of the Community’s input to reinforce the look and feel of the type of experience we are striving for as a part of The Loop project. The brand will be highlighted throughout The Loop design elements and placemaking opportunities to strengthen the identity of The Loop as a place.

Inspired by the community, for the community
Rexford
DISTANCE: 40 MILES
This segment adjacent to large employers will maintain its large tree canopy and quiet, shady atmosphere.

Colony
DISTANCE: 31 MILES
This segment will travel through the new Colony development, providing an urban environment that interacts with the new retail, office, and housing.

Apex
DISTANCE: 33 MILES
This segment will travel adjacent to the new Apex development, providing access to and interacting with the new retail, housing, and hotel. A spur off the main Loop will connect to Morrison Library.

Cameron Valley
DISTANCE: 29 MILES
Cameron Valley's large planted medians and mature trees will provide a safe and enjoyable Loop environment.

Phillips Place
DISTANCE: 23 MILES
The large setback on Fairview provides room for Loop amenities and new trees, as well as access to Phillips Place.

Carnegie
DISTANCE: 28 MILES
This segment leads users through the rows of mature trees on Carnegie and to the new Symphony Park.

Assembly
DISTANCE: 35 MILES
Assembly will become a shared street, providing opportunities for ample seating, art, events, food trucks, and gathering spaces. It will provide large area employers access to The Loop.

The Barclay
DISTANCE: 32 MILES
This segment will travel through The Barclay, providing access to new retail and hotel.

Hazelton
DISTANCE: 41 MILES
This segment will travel through a new development. A temporary alignment will connect neighborhoods to The Loop.

Ashley Park
DISTANCE: 25 MILES
This segment provides a unique urban environment, access to restaurants and retail, and will be designated only through wayfinding.
What is The Loop?

The Loop will be a 12-16' multi-use trail of colored concrete and power accent bands.

PUBLIC ART
Art will be used wherever possible to create visual interest along The Loop.

MATERIALS

Amenity areas will be used wherever possible as a place to rest and engage with The Loop. Every amenity area will have seating, bike racks and special landscaping.

AMENITY AREAS

Decorative landscaping will be used to accentuate amenity areas.

LANDSCAPE

Wayfinding will help users of The Loop find their way and introduce them to the amenities along the way.

WAYFINDING

Modern lighting along The Loop will provide safety and visibility to users.

LIGHTING

Bench, bike racks and cafe tables will be used along The Loop for comfort and to reinforce the colorful look of The Loop.

FURNITURE
**TRAIL:**
- Material: Broom finished colored concrete
- Manufacturer: Bomanite
- Color: Cocopera

**6" EDGE:**
- Material: Broom finished colored concrete
- Manufacturer: Bomanite
- Color: Kayak

**1" ACCENT BAND:**
- Material: Hollandstone pavers with Endura color
- Manufacturer: Unilock
- Color blend: Steel Mountain
- Pattern: Plank paver appearance

**AMENITY ZONE:**
- Material: Hollandstone pavers with Endura color
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- Color blend: Steel Mountain
- Pattern: Plank paver appearance

The typical concrete used for the trail may be used as a lower-cost option for amenity zones.

**ACCENT BAND SPACING:**
Accent bands are typically spaced every 100 feet along The Loop. As an amenity area approaches, they will grow closer together to accent the amenity area. Below is the typical spacing for the 50' transition zone. Dimensions are measured from the middle point of the band. All bands are 1 foot wide and oriented at 45 degrees compared to the adjacent Loop.
Typical Cross Section - Split
TRAIL:
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Manufacturer: Bomanite
Color: Copula

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Rexford Road
Rexford will provide valuable connections for employees. The beautiful tree-lined street provides a special environment for The Loop.

Symphony Park
SIZE: 0.3 ACRES
Symphony Park is a signature opportunity that will be designed in partnership with Simon Mall. It should become a space oriented for daily use and activities.

Assembly Street and Courtyard
Assembly will become a shared street with room for pedestrians, bikes and vehicles. Extra room for food trucks and events will create a great attraction for The Loop.

Morrison Park and Library Plaza
SIZE: 0.9 ACRES
Realizing the intersection of Colony and Morrison will create ample room for a new park and library reading plaza. Educational events, casual gathering spaces, and public art will be a great attraction.
Assembly Street
Assembly Street Courtyard
$10 million upgrade for south Charlotte park could help make the area more walkable

Symphony Park in SouthPark is in line for a $10 million upgrade, thanks to an agreement between the city of Charlotte and the owner of nearby SouthPark mall.

The redesign could make Symphony Park a key stop along the planned SouthPark Loop that was part of a separate $10 million planned investment by the city to make SouthPark more walkable.

The loop, which would be made up of sidewalks and trails, would circle SouthPark Mall and bypass the surrounding Fairview and Sharon roads as well as Barclay Downs Drive. The planned route would connect Symphony Park with Morrison Regional Library and Phillips Place, which Lincoln Harris said in March it will revive and build the first completed section of the SouthPark Loop.

Tariq Bokhari, the city councilman who represents the area, said mall owner Simon Property Group signed a letter of intent with the city last week to match up to the $5 million the city will invest in redesigning Symphony Park.
Next Steps

1. Adopt The Plan
2. Focus on Early Loop Segment Implementation with Private Development
3. Continue Community Outreach & Support between the City and SPAN
4. Implementation of one Signature Project
## What Can I Do?

### Resident
- Contact SPAN
- Voice Your Support
- Volunteer

Hillary Larsen (Chair) info@spancharlotte.org

### Business/Property Owner
- Contact City of Charlotte Economic Development
- Voice Your Support
- Volunteer / Contribute / Sponsor

City Economic Development
Fran.West@ci.charlotte.nc.us

### Employee
- Let your employer know that this is something they should support
- Contact SPAN to see how you can get involved

### Developer
- Contact City of Charlotte Planning/Urban Design
- Build a Section of The Loop & Make it Your Own

City Urban Design
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WHAT IS THE LOOP?

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INTERACTIVE MAP

Bringing a VIBE to SouthPark!
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THANK YOU!