

BELMONT ON THE MOVE!

WINTER/SPRING 2022

Belmont on the Move! is a quarterly newsletter designed to keep our residents informed about our #1 priority - transportation!

More information on specific transportation projects can be found on our website:
<https://www.cityofbelmont.org/transportation>

What is the South Fork Parkway?

The South Fork Parkway is envisioned as a four-lane divided connector street running north-south from Armstrong Ford Road to South Point Road. This street will also tie into Nixon Road and Tucker Road, helping to create a stronger, more integrated roadway network along the peninsula.

This roadway will be posted with a speed limit of 35 MPH, and will pass through primarily residential land uses. A 10' wide multi-use path will be installed on both sides of the street to allow for safe travel by cyclists and pedestrians. Street trees will be provided within the median and along both sides of the parkway.

WILL THIS BE A STATE ROAD OR CITY STREET?

While originally envisioned as a state road, the City recently learned that NCDOT desired a minimum design speed of 50 MPH for this corridor. This speed is inconsistent with our adopted plans. In December 2021, City Council agreed to accept the South Fork Parkway as a city street, with a 40 MPH design speed (posted 35 MPH), to maintain our vision and timeline for this much needed thoroughfare.

WHO WILL BUILD THIS PARKWAY?

The South Fork Parkway will be constructed by private development through the conditional zoning process. City Council approved the Del Webb project in May 2021, requiring its construction as a condition of approval. The first phase of the parkway that connects Armstrong Ford Rd to Nixon Rd will begin construction in 2022. Any developer seeking a project that overlaps the southern portion of the alignment would also be required to continue the roadway within their site.

WHOSE STREET IS THAT?

[CLICK HERE FOR A MAP](#)

NEED TO REPORT A POTHOLE TO NCDOT?

[CLICK HERE](#)

NEED TO REPORT MAINTENANCE FOR A LOCAL STREET?

[CLICK HERE](#)

GET OUT AND GO!

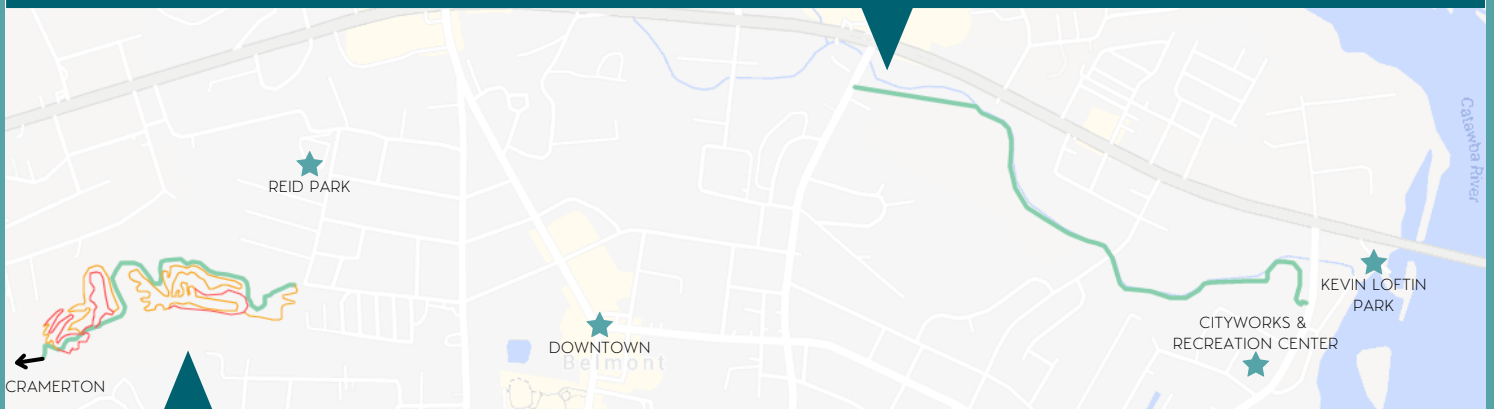


UPDATES ON OUR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS

ABBHEY CREEK GREENWAY

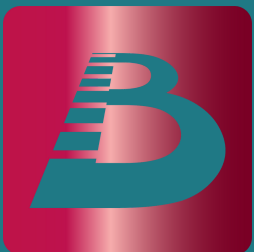


The Abbey Creek Greenway will be a 1.2 mile trail destination running from one of the busiest intersections in Belmont (Park & Wilkinson) east to the Catawba River. This greenway is being designed to meet Forestry Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines (FSTAG) so the trail can be utilized by all residents/visitors. The design will include a boardwalk, bridge, water views, trailheads, and public art. A multi-use path will connect the greenway to the new recreation center, skate park, and Kevin Loftin Riverfront Park. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2022.



ROCKY BRANCH PARK

The Tarheel Trailblazers continue working to build out the trail network in Rocky Branch Park! The Boulder Trail- a challenging blue mountain bike trail- is now open. Construction has also begun on the next section, known as the Eagle Trail. Early planning efforts for the fifth phase of Rocky Branch Park, which will include the advanced trail zone, kicked off in December 2021.



BELMONT GO! app

Download the Belmont GO! app to find even more themed walking routes throughout town! Some examples include Trains on Main, Belmont History Walk, and Public Art Tour.

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2021 GRANTS: TRANSPORTATION

NCDOT PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE GRANT

This grant will allow the City to update our pedestrian master plan, which was originally adopted in 2009. For more information, please visit www.cityofbelmont.org/ped-plan-update.

Grant Value= \$36,000

DUKE ENERGY PARK & PLUG NC PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Belmont was selected to receive two fast-charge stations for electric vehicles- including equipment, installation, electricity, and warranty from Duke Energy. The location of these stations is still being determined.

Grant Value= \$200,000

GASTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

The City of Belmont was successfully awarded this unrestricted community grant to assist with the Abbey Creek Greenway.

Grant Value: \$10,000

CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL GRANT- LAND ACQUISITION

The Abbey Creek Greenway project was selected to receive a CTT grant to assist the City with land/easement acquisition costs. This is in addition to the \$10,000 received from the Carolina Thread Trail in 2020 for design services.

Grant Value= \$30,000

REGIONAL MOBILITY PLAN

CONNECT Beyond is a bold regional mobility plan that sets the vision for how to better connect the rural, suburban, and urban communities in our 12-county region. This plan will guide and coordinate future mobility investments for the next two decades.

[VIEW THE FINAL ADOPTED PLAN](#)

UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



FEBRUARY:

FINAL SILVER LINE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FINAL PLAN & RECOMMENDATIONS RELEASED



NOW- MARCH:

NCDOT BIKE ROUTE SYSTEM PUBLIC INPUT ([LINK HERE](#))



SPRING & SUMMER 2022:

PEDESTRIAN PLAN PUBLIC INPUT (TWO OPPORTUNITIES)



LATE SUMMER/ EARLY FALL 2022:

I-85 WIDENING PUBLIC MEETING (EXIT 17 TO EXIT 27)