



## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FY 25-26 FUNDING CYCLE

**Project Title:** Southside Regional Park Pedestrian Facilities Phase 1

**Applicant Name and Address:** City of Rock Hill - 155 Johnston Street, Rock Hill, SC, 29731

**Contact Person and Title:** Chris Herrmann, Transportation Planner

**Email:** christopher.herrmann@cityofrockhill.com **Phone:** 803-326-2460

**UEI Number:** G37EMUQ344X5

**Who will administer the project:** SCDOT X Applicant will apply to be the Local Public Agency (LPA)\*

\*LPA qualifications must be submitted with this application. LPA approval is not guaranteed. If the applicant is not approved, SCDOT will administer the project. Allowable and allocable oversight and administration costs will be charged.

**Project Location:** Include road name(s), length/linear feet of improvements and termini (where the project begins and ends). ***Attach a detailed street map showing the exact project location.***

5 foot sidewalk on Milhaven Road from Friedheim Road to end on both sides of roadway (840 feet total) & 5 foot sidewalk Devore Place from Milhaven Road to end on both sides of roadway (840 feet total).

**Project Budget\*:**

**TAP Request** \$ 467,757 (May not exceed 80% of total project cost)

**Match** \$ 116,940

**Total Budget** \$ 584,697

*Please review the application in its entirety. All required attachments **must** be submitted with the application.*

**Project Description** – Describe the specific project activities and all the work phases (i.e., Right of Way, Preliminary Engineering, etc.) needed to complete the project.

The proposed improvements for Milhaven Road and Devore Place are intended to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrian traffic in the area in close proximity to the planned Southside Regional Park in the City of Rock Hill. This project will fill in a gap of pedestrian connectivity within the existing transportation network.

With the planned completion of the Southside Regional Park, there will be an increase in pedestrian traffic along the roadways near the park. The park is a unique attraction as it will feature baseball fields, basketball courts, football fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and walking trails. Areas of the park will be available for youth league sports activities as well as daily recreation.

Milhaven Road will serve as one of the main vehicular entrances for the park, making the absence of pedestrian facilities on these two roadways an area of concern that must be addressed in regards to safety. Without sidewalk facilities, residential property owners along these two streets will be forced to walk in the streets in order to access the park.

Specific work necessary to complete this project will include installation of new 5 foot sidewalk on both sides of both roadways. Work phases will include design, preliminary engineering, ROW acquisition, and construction. For reference, minimal grading and ROW acquisition is anticipated for this project. The 5 foot sidewalks will be constructed to meet all applicable ADA and AASHTO Guidelines and standards.

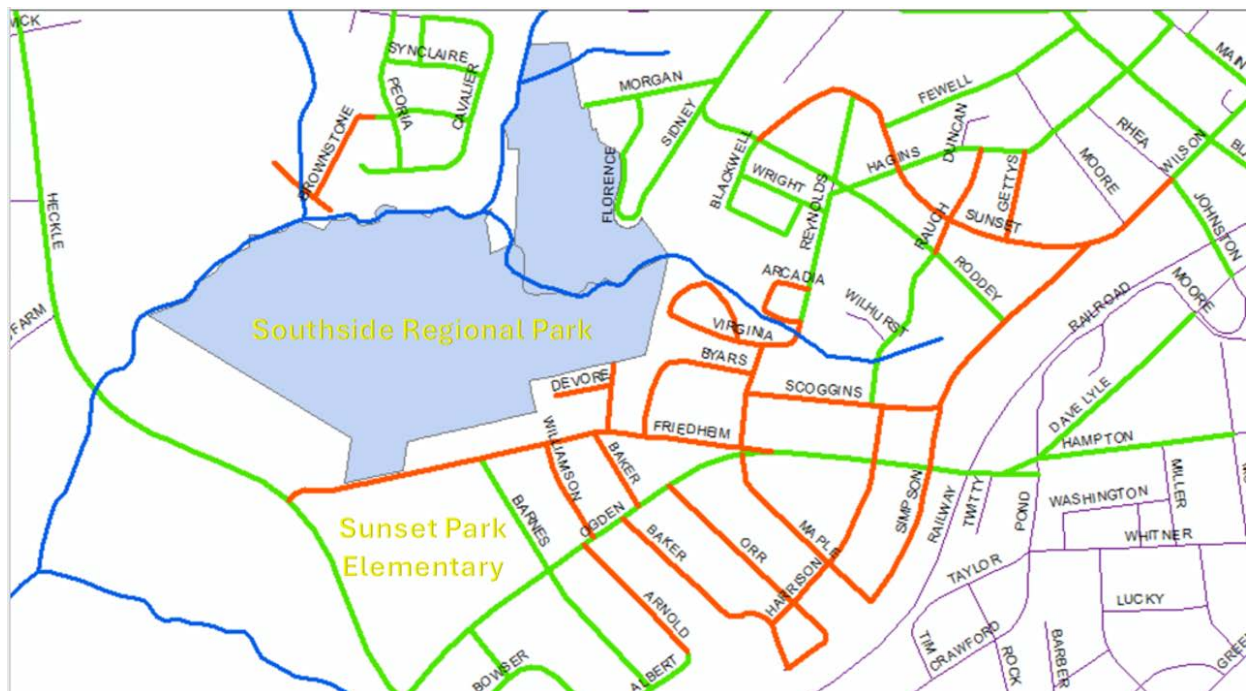


**Existing Conditions** – Describe the nearby land uses (schools, neighborhoods, businesses), the existing bike/pedestrian facilities, existing utilities and any other pertinent details. You may attach photos of existing conditions to support your narrative.

Below is an image of the planned Southside Regional Park, which will become both a local and regional destination once completed. Nearby land uses are largely residential mixed with an elementary school, and a few neighborhood commercial businesses.



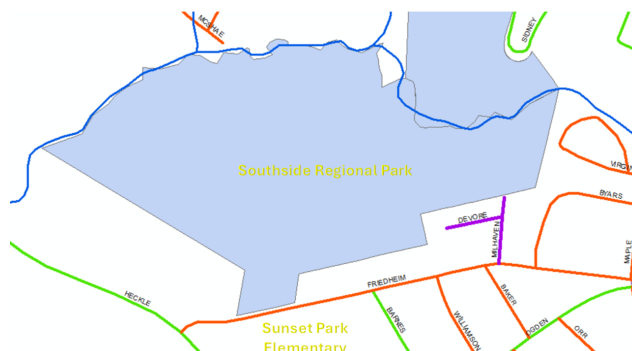
The map below reflects roadways near the Southside Regional Park. In green are roadways that have existing sidewalk facilities. In red are roadways that do not have any existing sidewalk facilities. It is worth noting that just south of the Southside Regional Park site is Sunset Park Elementary School. Pedestrian connectivity is challenged in this area in terms of access to the elementary school, the nearby My Ride Transit Heckle Blvd Route, and the park.





**Purpose and Need** – Describe why this project is needed. Identify the type and severity of problem, including the degree of safety affected, if applicable. Quantify who and how many people will benefit.

Both Milhaven Road and Devore Place are roadways that currently have no sidewalk facilities to provide safe connectivity and access to residences in this area. Pedestrians are currently forced to walk in the roadway and mix with vehicular traffic in order to travel these roads. This includes students and parents who are often seen traveling to and from the nearby Sunset Park Elementary School, which is within less than 1/4 mile walking distance. Once the Southside Regional Park is completed, vehicular traffic on Milhaven Road and Devore Place is anticipated to increase as Milhaven Road will serve as one of the main vehicular accesses to the park. This increase in vehicular traffic is a significant safety concern when considering there are no sidewalk facilities currently available on either street. It is worth noting that the census tracts in this area were those identified in the RFATS Bike Ped Plan as having the highest concentration of households without vehicular access and the highest concentration of individuals that noted walking as their main method of travel.



The City of Rock Hill is envisioning a phased approach for improvements to pedestrian facilities along roadways in the area of the planned Southside Regional Park. Those roadways directly tying into the park are being prioritized first in order to provide direct connections between the park and the residential properties closest to the park facilities. This approach will ensure that there are no gaps between new pedestrian facilities and the Southside Regional Park.



## Cost Estimate

Attach a detailed cost estimate that itemizes all project elements and costs. **Cost estimates over 6 months old will not be accepted.** The estimate must list item, description, quantity, unit price, amount, etc. To ensure that the costs will satisfactorily complete all of the work anticipated, please include an appropriate contingency. Also include the costs for project oversight, including project administration and management, engineering, inspection, and testing in accordance with state and federal requirements. Your cost estimate's total must match the total budget listed on page 1.

The cost estimate **must** be developed or reviewed by a Professional Engineer certified in the State of South Carolina. Documentation certifying/confirming this must be attached.

## Matching Funds

Typically, the TAP program may fund up to 80% of a project's future eligible costs, with the applicant funding at least 20% in non-federal funds, i.e. local, state, or private funds. Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have their cash match available upon award, as the match must be paid up front before work on the project can begin. "In-kind" matches are not allowed.

Local Match Source	Amount	Percentage
City of Rock Hill	\$ 116,940	20%
	\$	
	\$	
<b>Total:</b>	\$ 116,940	20%

The total on the chart must be the same amount listed on page 1 as "Match".

**Milhaven Road**

Item	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
Permits	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Bonds & Insurance	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Clearing & Grubbing	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fence Replacement	LS	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Silt Fence	LF	840	\$ 12.00	\$10,080.00
Permanent Seeding	AC	0.12	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 10,680.00
Grading	LS	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Demo of existing driveways	LS	12	\$ 800.00	\$9,600.00
Driveway Concrete	SY	160	\$ 115.00	\$18,400.00
New Sidewalks	SY	467	\$ 90.00	\$42,030.00
Roll Curb Repair	LF	200	\$ 50.00	\$10,000.00
ADA Ramps	EA	4	\$ 5,000.00	\$20,000.00
Asphalt Repair	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Stop Bar	EA	1	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
Crosswalk	EA	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Subtotal				\$ 211,790.00
Contingency (25%)				\$ 52,402.00
Milhaven Road Total				\$ 264,192.00

**Devore Place**

Item	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
Permits	LS	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Bonds & Insurance	LS	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Clearing & Grubbing	LS	1	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Mailbox Replacement	LS	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Silt Fence	LF	840	\$ 12.00	\$ 10,080.00
Permanent Seeding	AC	0.12	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 10,680.00
Grading	LS	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Demo of existing driveways	EA	16	\$ 800.00	\$ 12,800.00
Driveway Concrete	SY	250	\$ 115.00	\$ 28,750.00
New Sidewalks	SY	467	\$ 90.00	\$ 42,030.00
Roll Curb Repair	LF	200	\$ 50.00	\$ 10,000.00
Asphalt Repair	LS	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Stop Bar	EA	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Crosswalk	EA	1	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Devore Place Subtotal				\$ 184,840.00
Contingency (25%)				\$ 45,665.00
Devore Place Total				\$ 230,505.00

TOTAL COST				\$584,697.00
Design & Preliminary Engineering				\$60,000.00
DOT Mgmt				\$30,000.00
Milhaven Road				\$264,192.00
Devore Place				\$230,505.00



**Property Ownership:** Unless a project can be completed within SCDOT right of way, you **MUST** attach documentation listing the ownership of **ALL** the property involved in the project. The applicant must have control of the property (fee-simple title or an easement) before any construction may start. If additional property must be acquired to complete the project, identify the ownership and value of the property. Acquisitions must comply with applicable state and federal laws.

For all projects on SCDOT rights of way, attach either a copy of the approved SCDOT Encroachment Permit, a letter from the appropriate SCDOT County Maintenance Office, or a letter from the appropriate SCDOT District Office indicating that the project appears feasible in concept with specific details to be approved in an Encroachment Permit.

**Project Schedule** – Complete **only** if requesting to administer project as the LPA.

Phase	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
Planning	6/1/2025	9/30/2025
Preliminary Design	10/1/2025	12/31/2025
Environmental Review/Permitting	1/1/2026	3/31/2026
Final Design	4/1/2026	5/30/2026
Right-of-Way Acquisition	N/A	N/A
Utility Relocation	N/A	N/A
Construction	8/1/2026	10/31/2026
Other (Describe)		

Please remember that all TAP funds must be obligated within 4 years of their awarded federal program year, **or they will lapse**. SCDOT reserves the right to terminate any TAP project that has not made substantial progress within 6 months of award.

**Maintenance** - Who will maintain the infrastructure? Describe level of maintenance and how maintenance will be funded on an ongoing basis. If SCDOT, provide supporting documentation.

Majority of right-of-way within the project boundary is owned by the City of Rock Hill. Intersection of Milhaven Road / Friedheim Road is owned by SCDOT. SCDOT Encroachment Permit will be obtained to complete this work, afterward the City of Rock Hill will maintain all sidewalks and pedestrian facilities (including ADA ramps and crosswalks within SCDOT ROW) via the City's General Fund. Projected maintenance cost is \$5,000 or less annually.



## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned has authority to sign on behalf of the applicant and certifies that the applicant has legal authority to enter into an agreement to implement this project and that all information provided is complete and accurate to their best knowledge.

David Vehavn  
Signature

4/1/2025  
Date

David Vehavn  
Print Name

City Manager  
Title

### **For SCDOT Staff Use Only**

SC House District _____	Population: _____ Less than 5,000	2024 County Tier (I, II, III or IV) _____
SC Senate District _____	_____ 5,000 – 49,999	Match assistance: _____
Congressional District _____	_____ 50,000 – 199,999	\$ _____ ( _____ %)

#### Project Category (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Provisions for bicyclists	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Routes to Schools infrastructure project
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisions for pedestrians	<input type="checkbox"/> Transit-related project
<input type="checkbox"/> Streetscaping/lighting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____	

#### Staff Notes

**From:** [Herrmann, Christopher](#)  
**To:** [Edwards, Tony](#)  
**Cc:** [Peterson, Shamika, E.](#); [Meetze, Joshua, H.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: City of Rock Hill TAP Application - Southside Regional Park Ped Facilities Phase 1  
**Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:32:00 PM

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Tony,

Thanks for the quick feedback. In terms of Friedheim Road, City staff did consider that, however there are other factors in play there. Sunset Park Elementary School, which is located at Friedheim Road / Barnes Street is soon undergoing a rebuild of the entire school. As a part of that project the City is working with the school district on some pedestrian improvements that will benefit both the school and the park. We are also continuing to flesh out exactly what type of improvements will be best for the residential property owners along Friedheim Road. We thought it best to start with Milhaven and Devore (both are City owned streets) to directly tie those residential properties into the park access off Milhaven. If we can complete sidewalks there, then we can work with SCDOT to complete facilities on state owned streets like Friedheim Road.

In terms of the sidewalk on both sides of Devore Place, we are still high level in terms of planning. We thought it best to start out planning for sidewalk along both sides of the street and if we find that it is not feasible then we can change to one side if necessary.

Let me know if we need to discuss further.

Thanks,

**Christopher Herrmann, AICP**  
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**From:** Edwards, Tony <EdwardsTC@scdot.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:20 PM  
**To:** Herrmann, Christopher <Christopher.Herrmann@cityofrockhill.com>  
**Cc:** Peterson, Shamika, E. <PetersonSE@scdot.org>; Meetze, Joshua, H. <MeetzeJH@scdot.org>  
**Subject:** RE: City of Rock Hill TAP Application - Southside Regional Park Ped Facilities Phase 1



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Hey Chris,

Following our review, your cost estimate appears reasonable and aligns with the typical unit pricing we use for sidewalk projects. Our standard planning level estimate is approximately \$400 per linear foot, and your estimate is consistent with that.

I would like to discuss the proposed sidewalk on both sides of Devore Place, a cul-de-sac. From a connectivity standpoint, have you evaluated adding any sidewalk along Friedheim Road, from Barnes Street to Milhaven Road? This segment may provide more bang for the buck and would enhance pedestrian mobility given the current network of sidewalks in the area and directly connect to existing infrastructure near Sunset Park Elementary School, potentially providing greater overall system value. Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,  
Tony

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**From:** Herrmann, Christopher <[Christopher.Herrmann@cityofrockhill.com](mailto:Christopher.Herrmann@cityofrockhill.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2025 4:35 PM

**To:** Edwards, Tony <[EdwardsTC@scdot.org](mailto:EdwardsTC@scdot.org)>

**Subject:** FW: City of Rock Hill TAP Application - Southside Regional Park Ped Facilities Phase 1

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Tony,

I still need correspondence from you on whether you agree on the project's scope and cost for the attached application. This is required by RFATS.

Thanks,

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**From:** Herrmann, Christopher

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 9:53 AM

**To:** Edwards, Tony C. <[EdwardsTC@scdot.org](mailto:EdwardsTC@scdot.org)>; Meetze, Joshua H. <[MeetzeJH@scdot.org](mailto:MeetzeJH@scdot.org)>; Feemster, Thomas W. <[FeemsterTW@scdot.org](mailto:FeemsterTW@scdot.org)>; Blinson, Amy L. <[BlinsonAL@scdot.org](mailto:BlinsonAL@scdot.org)>

**Subject:** City of Rock Hill TAP Application - Southside Regional Park Ped Facilities Phase 1

All,

Attached is a TAP Application that the City of Rock Hill will be submitting today to RFATS for the Southside Regional Park Ped Facilities Phase 1. Phase 1 requests TAP funding for the design and construction of 5' sidewalk to be implemented on Devore Place and Milhaven Road. These are both streets that are owned and maintained by the City of Rock Hill. Milhaven Road does intersect with Friedheim Road, which is owned by SCDOT. Milhaven Road is planned as one of the direct access points to the park. City staff are currently envisioning a phased approach with future TAP Applications to focus on other roadways in this area where ped facilities are necessary to establish safe connectivity between the residential areas and the park facilities. Your feedback is required as a part of the TAP Application. All applications are due to be reviewed by the RFATS TAP Sub-Committee in May. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

**Christopher Herrmann, AICP**

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April 1, 2025

Mr. David Hooper  
RFATS Director  
P.O. Box 11706  
Rock Hill, SC 29731

Re: Support for Southside Regional Park Pedestrian Facilities Project in Rock Hill, SC

Dear Mr. Hooper,

I am writing in support of the City of Rock Hill's application for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for Phase 1 of the Southside Regional Park Pedestrian Facilities Project. The City of Rock Hill is dedicated to providing quality places for the citizens of Rock Hill by developing and sustaining exceptional locations throughout our City. Improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and therefore providing safe places and routes for our citizens within the City directly works toward this goal. This project will serve as an extension of work that will be completed with the construction of the Southside Regional Park. It will also address safety concerns brought forth by residents in the neighborhoods surrounding the Southside Regional Park.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this project. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Herrmann at 803-326-2460.

Sincerely,

Steven Gibson  
Deputy City Manager

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