

# SOUTHPARK CNIP 2021

RECONFIRMING COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

## SouthPark CNIP (2018)

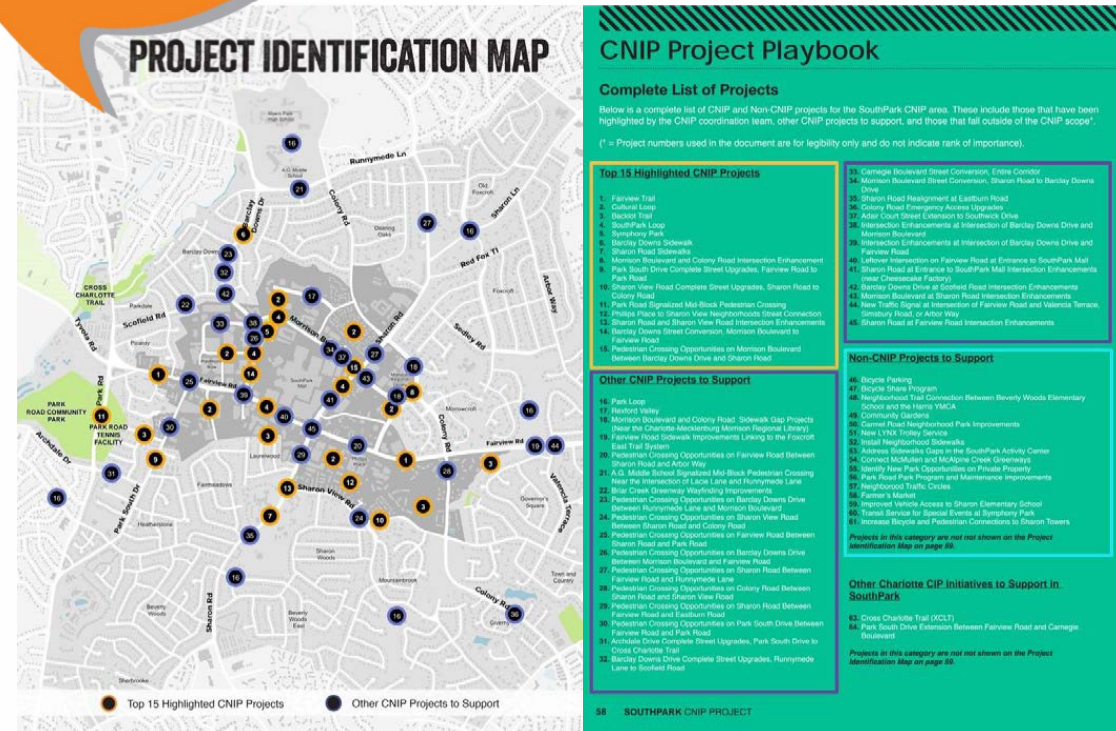
### ► Six City-Wide CNIP Goals

- A well-connected network of streets, sidewalks, greenways, and bike lanes that link to and enhance existing community assets;
- Easy accessibility to transit and the larger regional network of streets;
- Better connections between neighborhoods and major employment, institutional, and retail areas;
- Successful public/private partnerships that leverage investments and catalyze changes occurring in neighborhoods;
- Greater coordination with public safety, code enforcement, social services, and education; and
- Enhanced engagement with residents in determining which investments meet our collective aspirations.

### ► Seven SouthPark Specific Project Ranking Criteria

- Placemaking
- Potential for Transformative Change
- Potential for Leveraging/Partnership
- Connections to the SouthPark Activity Center
- Public Input
- Consistency with Previous Plans

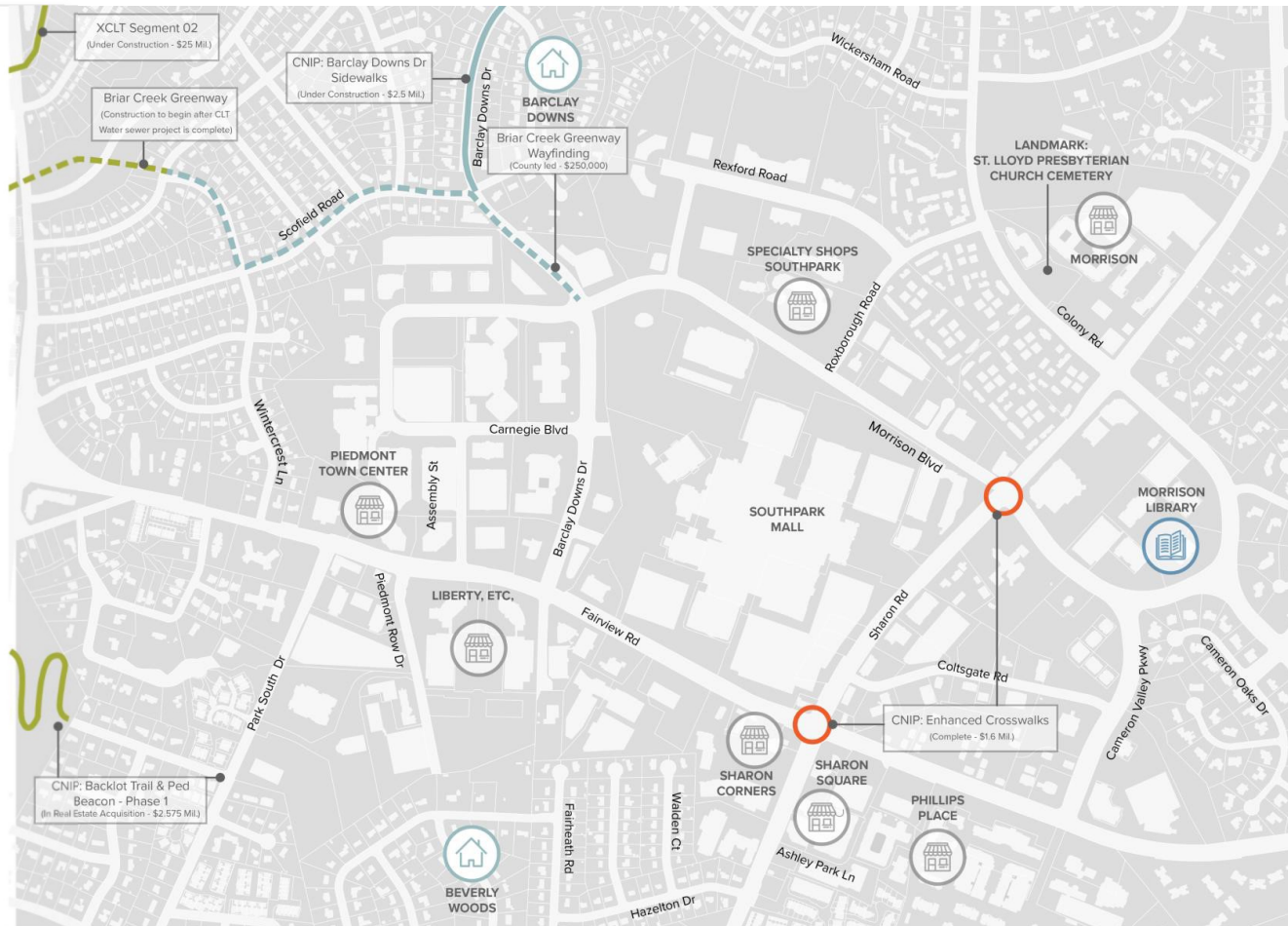
SouthPark will continue to be a premier mixed-use activity center in Charlotte because of investments to create a more connected and vibrant public realm. Great streets, more parks and plazas, improved greenspace, and safer intersections will be the foundation for continued investment in the activity center – whether by public or private interests – that promotes continued economic vibrancy and a distinct identity and reputation for SouthPark and its surrounding neighborhoods.





## CNIP PROJECTS

- Barclay Downs Dr Sidewalk, Under construction - \$2.5 Mil.
- Backlot Trail Phase 1, Real Estate Acquisition - \$2.575 Mil.
- Enhanced Crosswalks, Complete - \$1.6 Mil.
- The Loop Framework, Complete - \$400,000
- Briar Creek Wayfinding, Estimated 2023 with County Greenway timing - \$250,000
- Public-Private Partnerships, Varies - \$1.5 Mil.



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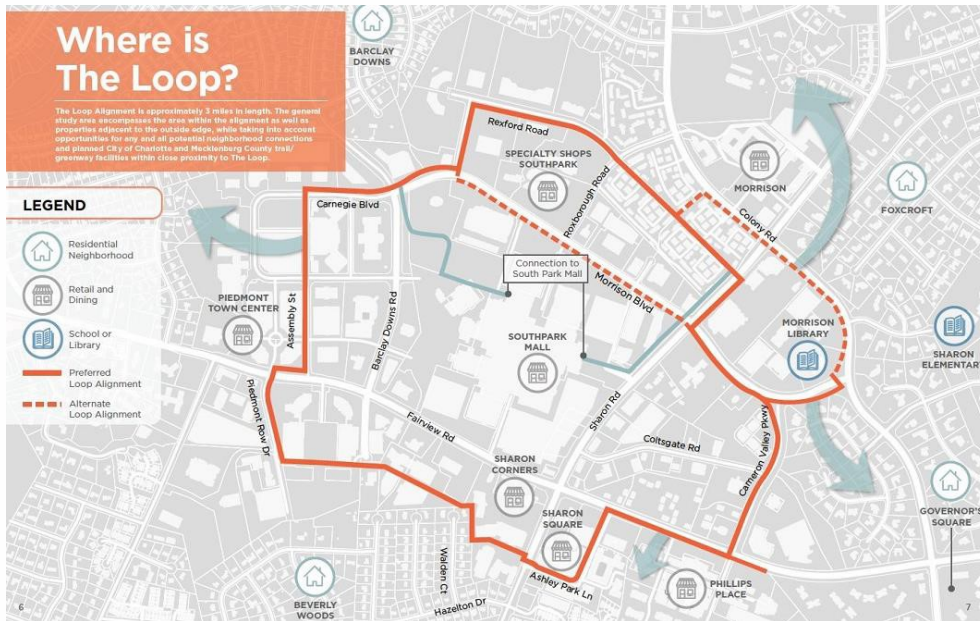
## The Loop Framework (2019)

### Where is The Loop?

The Loop Alignment is approximately 3 miles in length. The general study area encompasses the area within the alignment as well as properties adjacent to the outside edge, while taking into account opportunities for any and all potential neighborhood connections and planned City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County task/greenway facilities within close proximity to The Loop.

#### LEGEND

- Residential Neighborhood
- Retail and Dining
- School or Library
- Preferred Loop Alignment
- Alternate Loop Alignment



#### WAYFINDING ON THE LOOP



##### Path Marker

Path markers will be small wayfinding to brand The Loop and let users know they are heading in the right direction. They will be placed every .25 miles.



##### Destination Marker

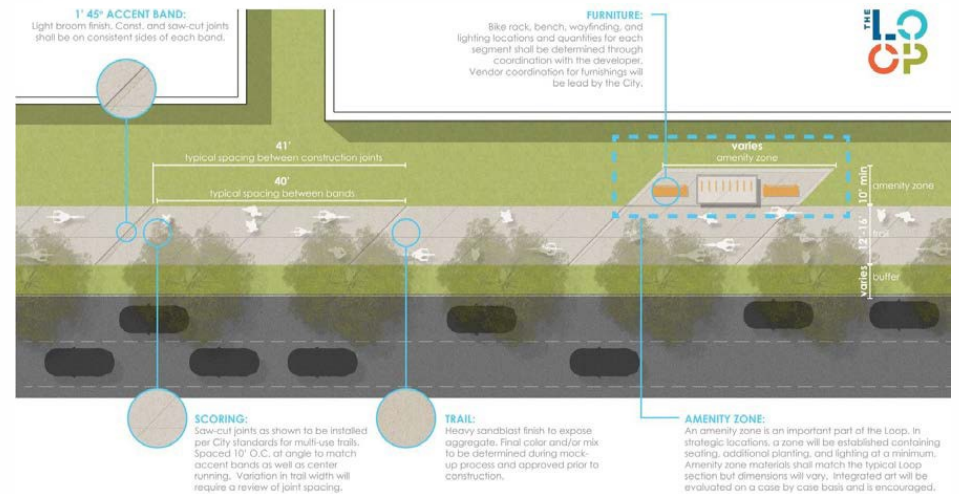
Destination markers will be small wayfinding to let you know you've arrived at a destination. Marked with the name of the place and a directional arrow, they will guide users along the path.



##### Multiple Destination Sign

These larger signs will use glowing arrows to orient users to several nearby destinations.

**1' 45" ACCENT BAND:**  
Light broom finish. Const. and saw-cut joints shall be on consistent sides of each band.



#### FURNITURE ON THE LOOP



##### Preva Urbana

These 6' park benches will be modified to create a rectangular shape reminiscent of the Loop logo. Manufacturer: mmcille  
Cost: \$74,900 (50 benches)



##### Woody Solar Bench

These benches with USB sockets powered by an isolated solar system will allow users to stop and recharge their devices on the route. The benches will be one of the four Loop colors. Manufacturer: mmcille  
Cost: \$5,800 (5 benches)



##### Radium Litter

The litter will be placed by groupings of benches throughout the alignment. Manufacturer: mmcille  
Cost: \$28,250 (25 litter)



##### Bahia Planter

The Bahia planter will provide pops of color and greenery along the Loop, and helps define the space. Manufacturer: Old Town Fiberglass  
Cost: \$15,825 (25 planters)



##### Bike Blocq Bike Racks

The bike racks will be placed throughout the alignment, especially near important transportation corridors. Manufacturer: mmcille  
Cost: \$31,000 (100 bike racks)



# OUTSIDE COMMITMENTS

Rezoning petitions approved prior to the adoption of the Loop Framework Plan have no legal obligation to build or contribute funds to the project. However, commercial property owners understand the benefits of the loop and some have committed to building segments on their property through private funding or a private/public partnership with the City.

## Rezoning Petitions with Commitments to the Loop:

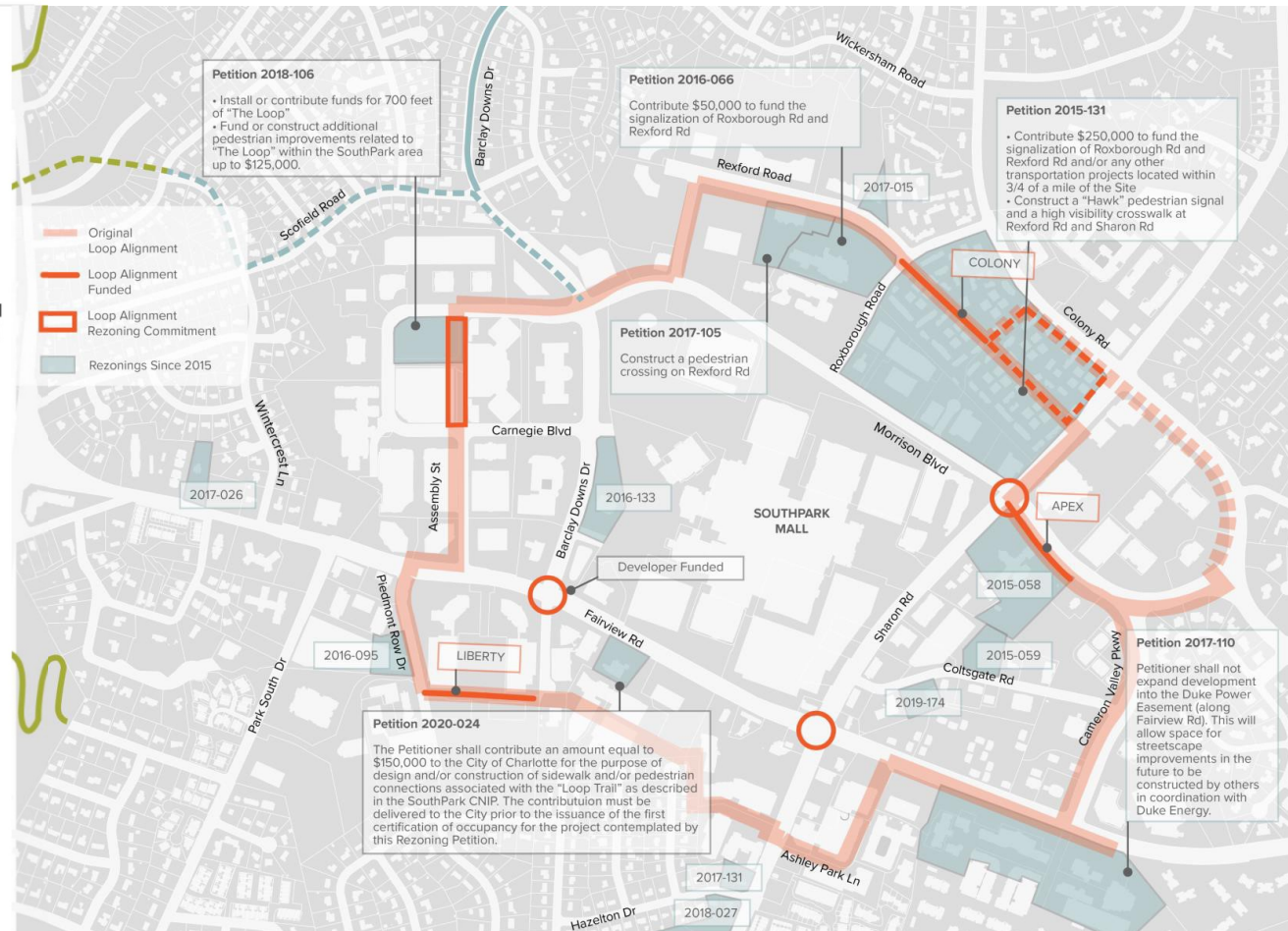
- 2018-106 (Capitol Towers III): Build Loop + \$125,000 Contribution
- 2020-024: \$150,000 Contribution

## Pre-Loop Rezoning Petitions:

- 2015-131 (Colony): Pedestrian Crossing + \$250,000 for Traffic Signal
- 2016-066: \$50,000 for Traffic Signal
- 2017-105: Midblock pedestrian crossing
- 2017-110 (Phillips Place): Reserve Duke Easement

## Developer Buy-in:

- Liberty Loop Segment (Private/Public Partnership)
- Apex Loop Segment (Private/Public Partnership)
- Colony Loop Segment (Private Funding)
- Phillips Place (In discussion)



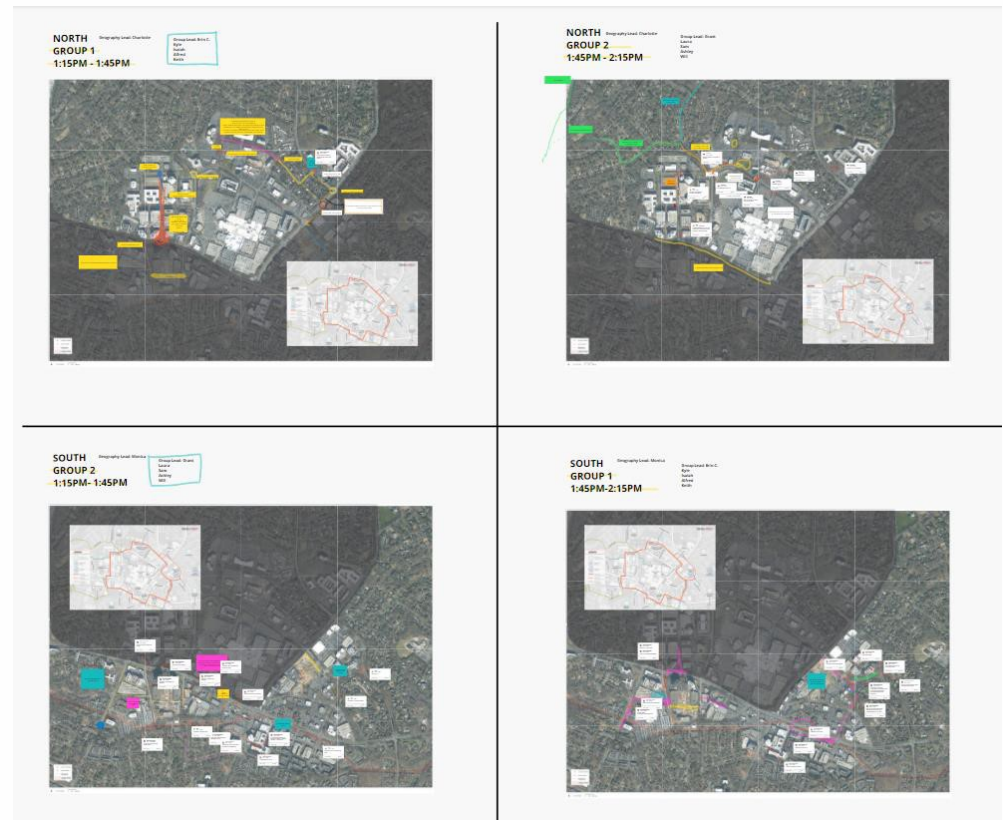
# WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

## Goal

- Identify high impact, low cost projects that support (not replace) existing and planned investment in the area

## ► Participants

- Urban Design Center (4)
- Engineering & Property Management (2)
- CDOT Design (3)
- Kimley Horn (2)



# 2021 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Funding

- ▶ \$1.5 Million for Private/Public Partnerships
  - \$1.1 Million Currently in Development
  - \$400,000 Available
- ▶ \$600,000 for City Led Projects\*

## Goals

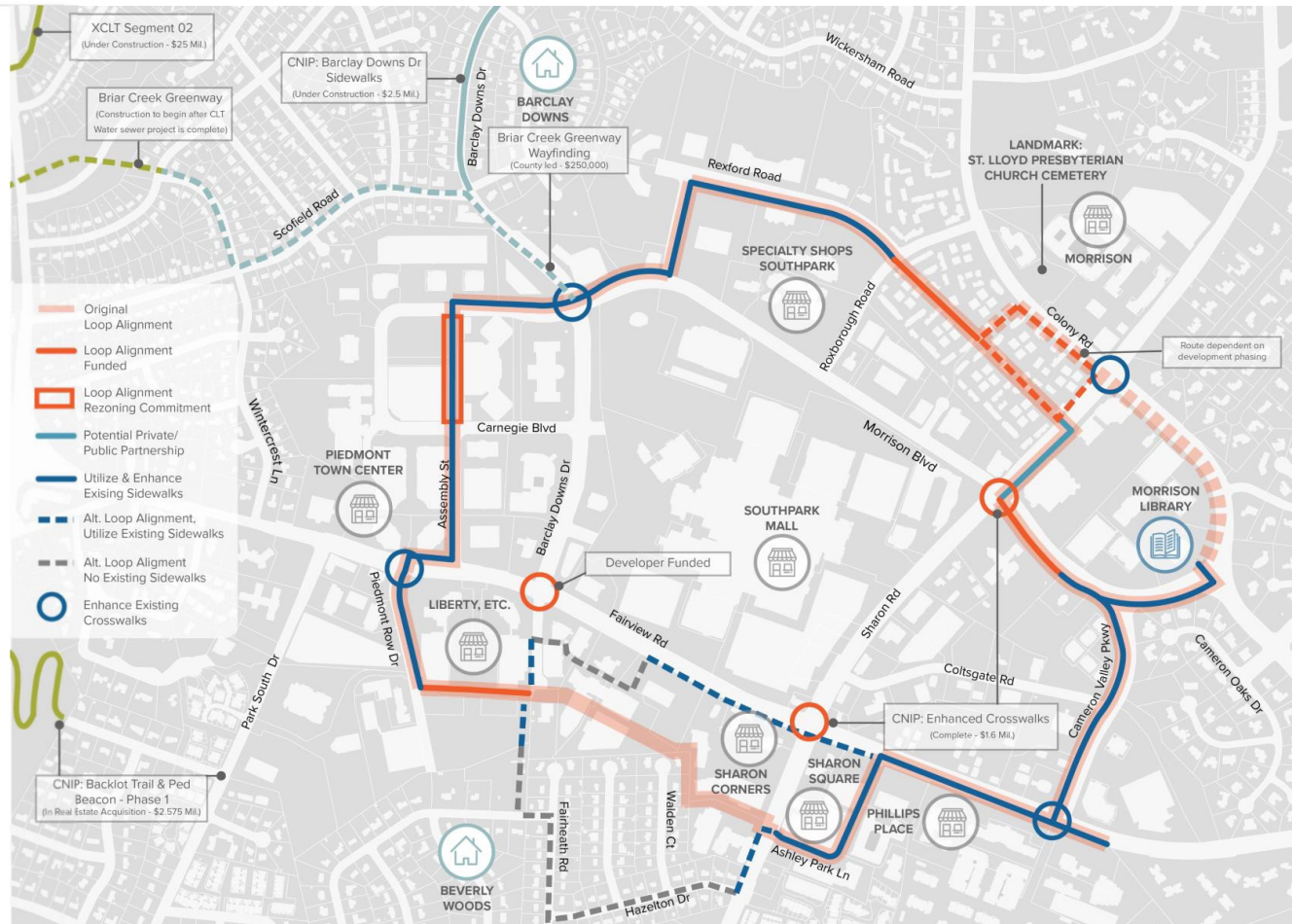
- ▶ Reconfirm community priorities
- ▶ Select projects for implementation with existing funds
- ▶ Identify projects for implementation if additional funding becomes available in the future

*\*There could be slight savings from other SouthPark CNIP projects, not able to estimate at this time.*



## LOOP ROUTE / CONNECTIONS

- Utilize & enhance existing sidewalks for connection gaps (cost is design dependent)
- Construct loop between Colony and Apex sections\* (cost is design dependent)
- Enhance existing crosswalks\*
  - Barclay Downs at Morrison\* (\$910,000)
  - Fairview at Piedmont Row\* (\$940,000)
  - Fairview at Cameron Valley\* (\$1,140,000)
  - Sharon at Colony\* (\$1,100,000)
- Neighborhood connections\* (cost is design dependent)



\* Originally identified in SouthPark CNIP Playbook

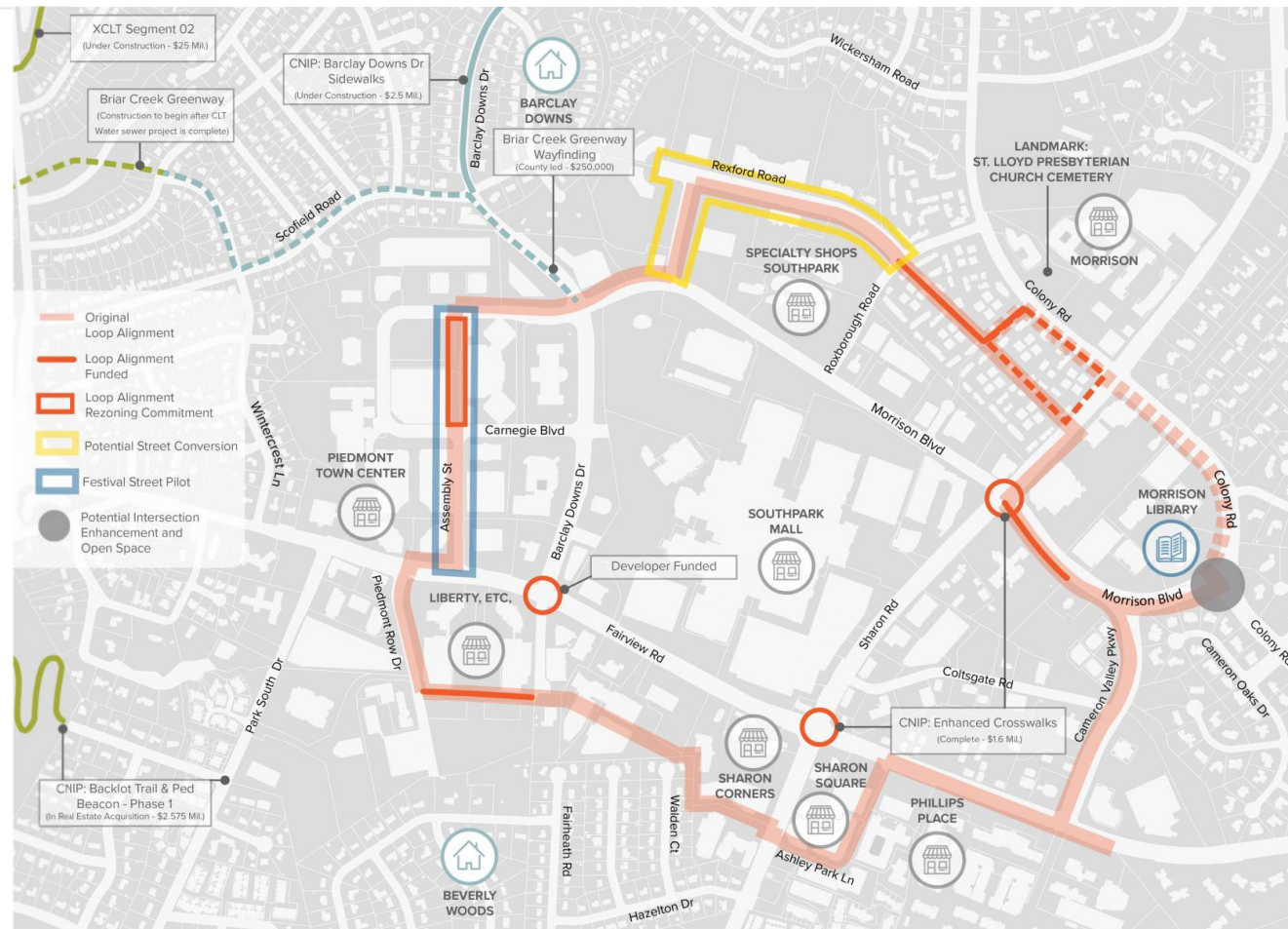


## STREETS

- Festival Street Pilot on Assembly St\* (cost is design dependent)
- Morrison & Colony Intersection Enhancement and Open Space\* (cost is design dependent)

### Potential Street Conversion:

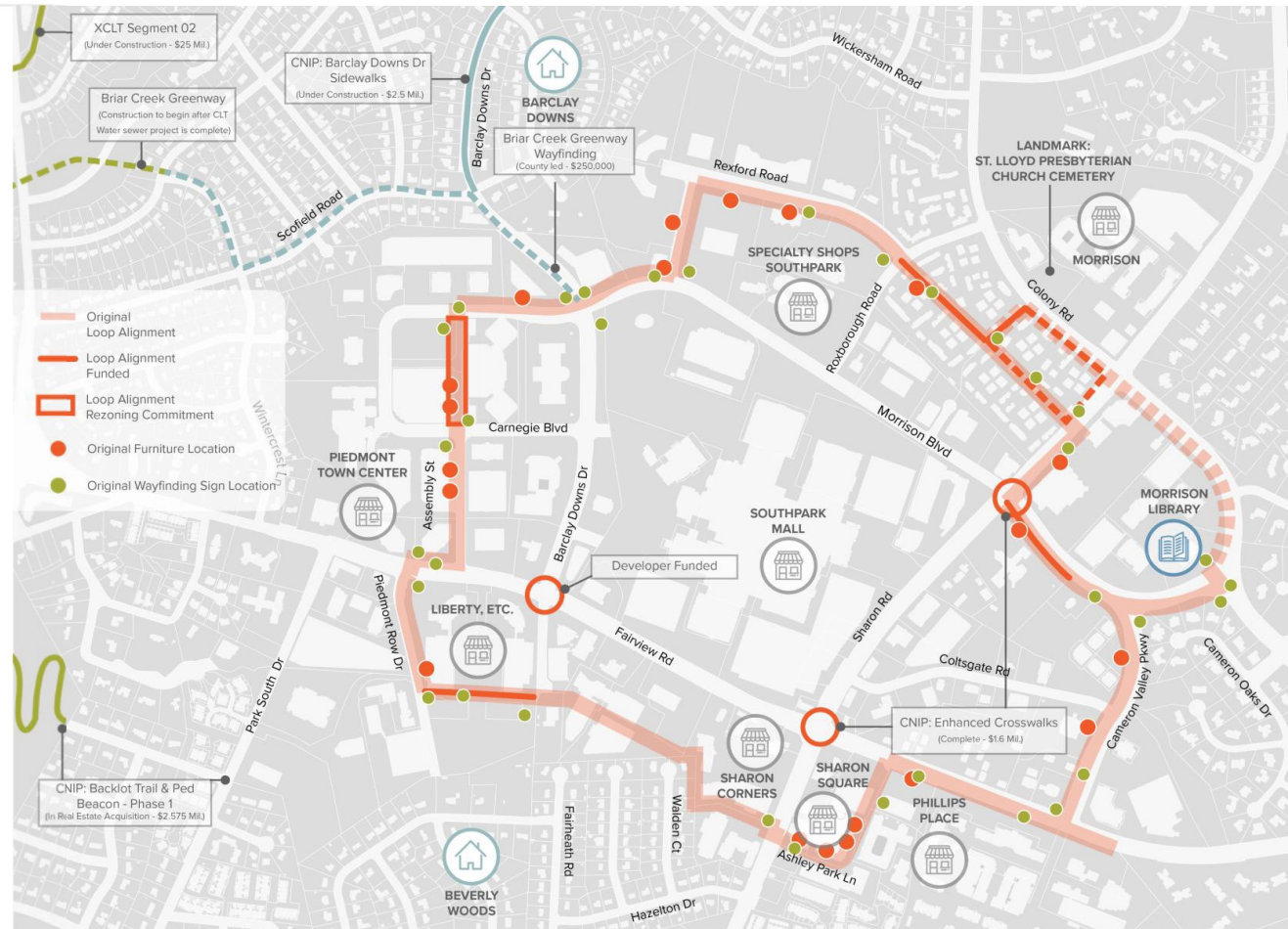
- Rexford Road & Coca-Cola Plaza Cycle Track (\$450,000 - \$600,000)



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## PLACEMAKING

- Loop Branded Street Furniture\* (\$250,000)
- Loop Branded Wayfinding\* (\$220,000)



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## NON-LOOP PROJECTS

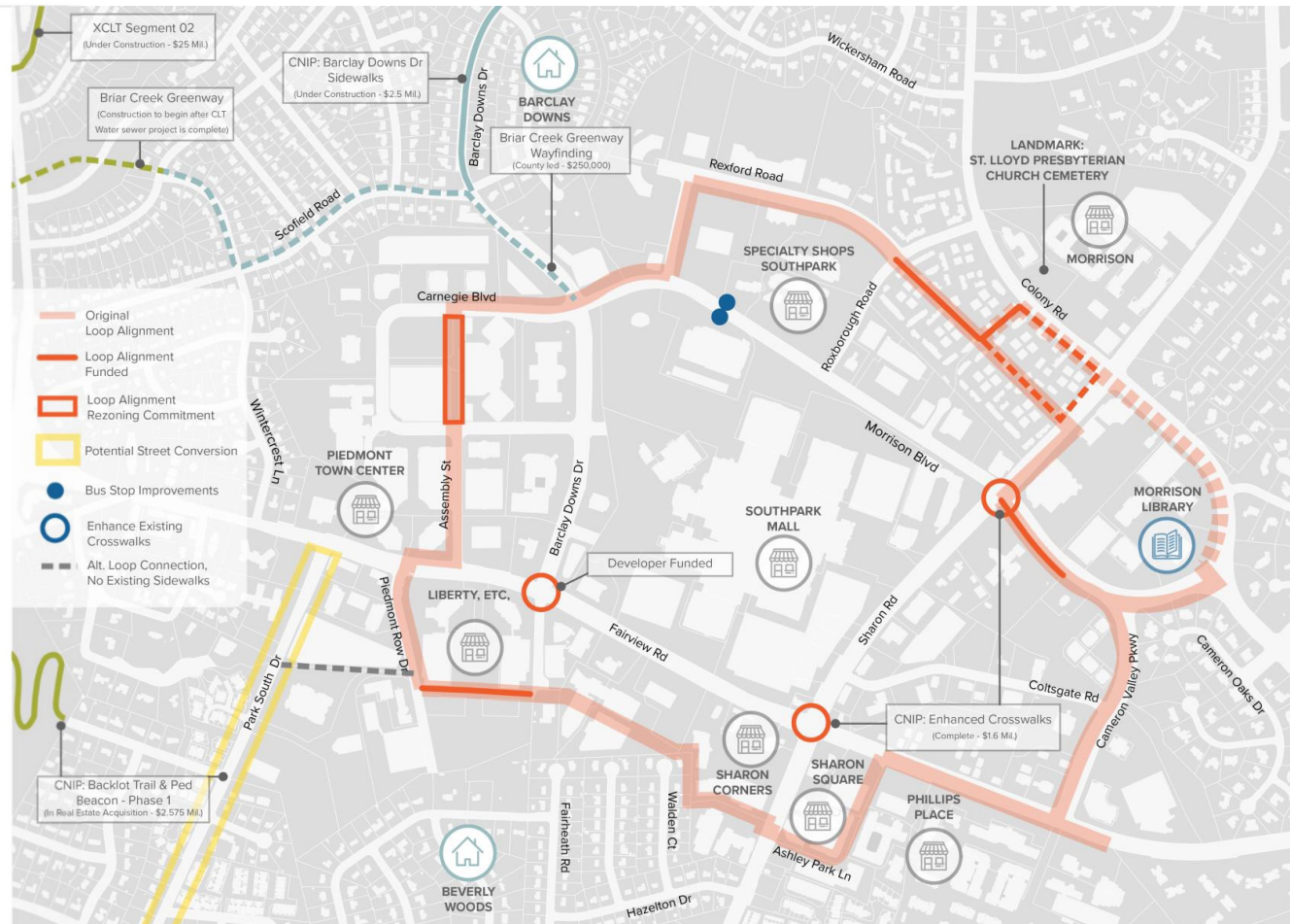
- Bus Stop Improvements (\$110,000)

Potential Street Conversions:

- Park South Dr Cycle Track\* (\$430,000)

Ped Hybrid Beacons Not Shown:

- Sharon Rd at Sulkirk\*\* (\$550,000)
- Sharon Rd at Chandworth\*\* (\$520,000)



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\*\* Community requested, CDOT approved



## ALL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED

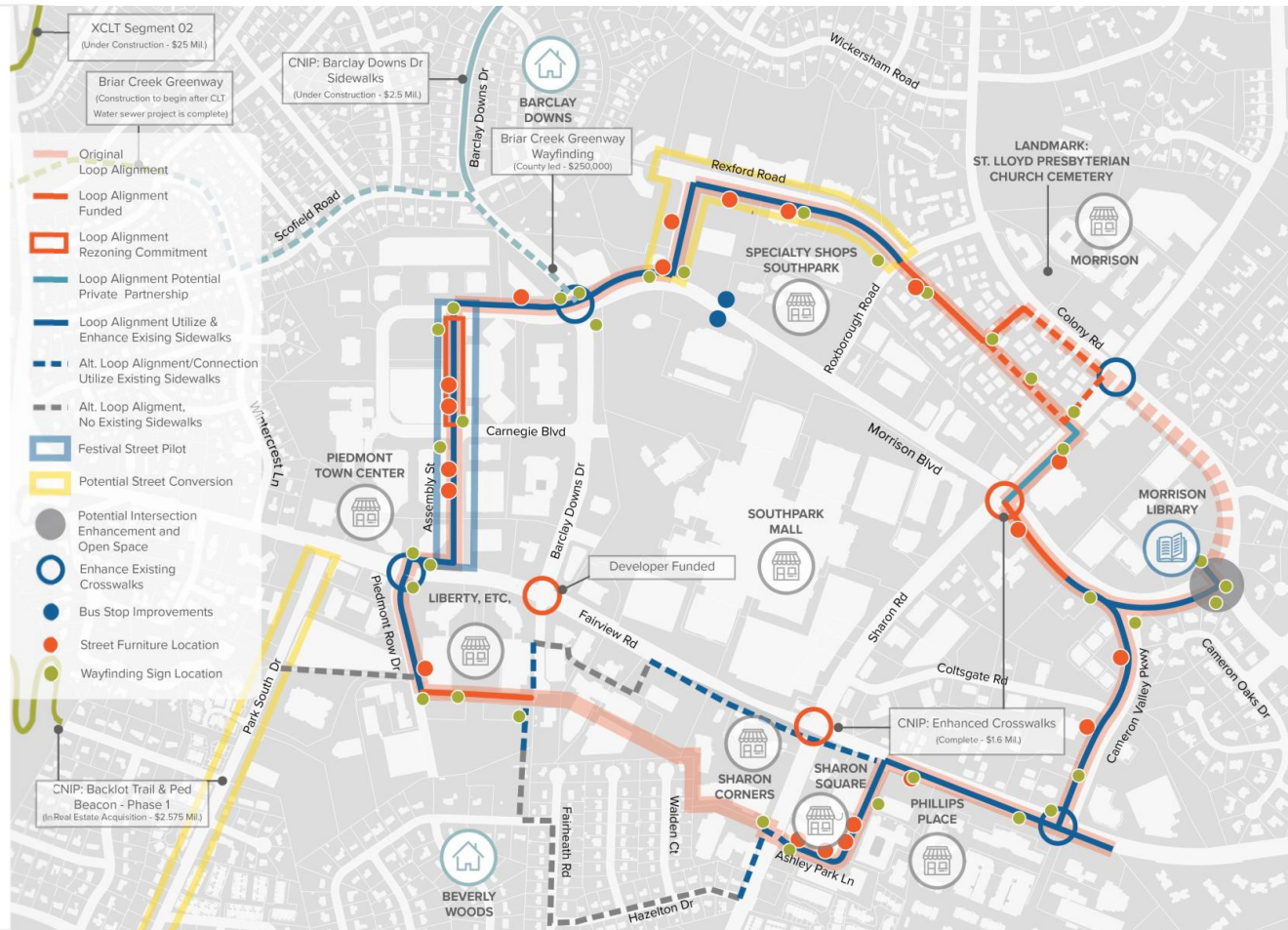
- Loop Branded Street Furniture and Wayfinding\*
- Construct loop between Colony and Apex sections\*
- Utilize & enhance existing sidewalks for connection gaps
- Festival Street Pilot on Assembly Street\*
- Enhance existing crosswalks (4)\*
- Neighborhood connections (select south alignment)\*
- Morrison & Colony Intersection Enhancement\*
- Bus Stop Improvements
- Morrison Blvd rebranding opportunity

### Potential Street Conversions:

- Park South Dr Cycle Track\*
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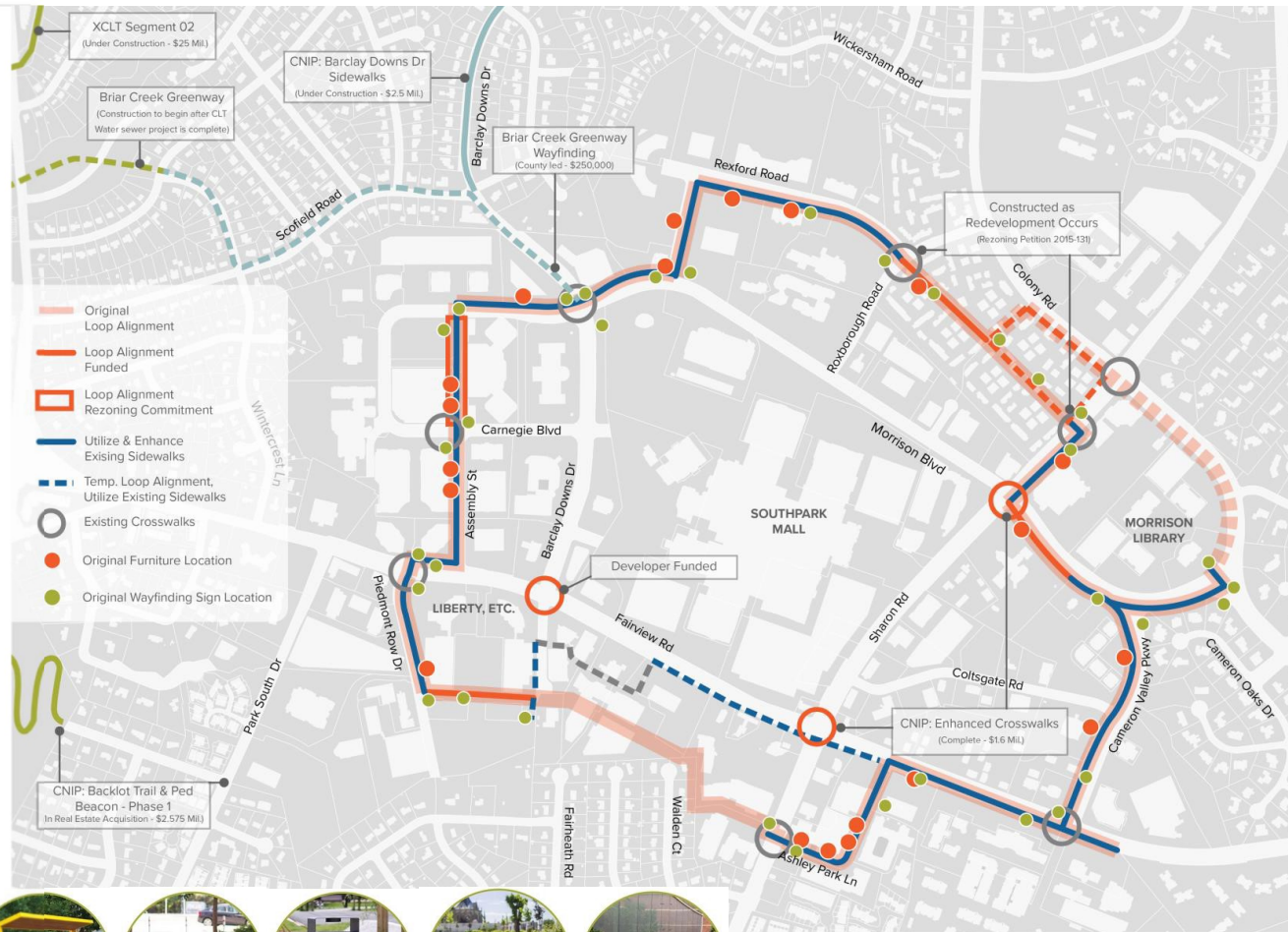
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## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Loop Branded Street Furniture\* (\$250,000)
- Loop Branded Wayfinding\* (\$220,000)
- Utilize existing sidewalks for connection gaps
- Marketing, Programming, and Engagement along The Loop

If any funding remains, implement one of the previously identified projects as a low-cost, temporary, pilot project. Potential pilot projects include:

- Festival Street Pilot on Assembly Street\*
- Rexford Road & Coca-Cola Plaza Cycle Track\*
- Park South Dr Cycle Track\*



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# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Kick off Community Engagement at SPAN Meeting
- ▶ Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Online Survey open to the public



## CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Summer 2021
  - Project Implementation



**QUESTIONS?**

**SURVEY:** <https://publicinput.com/SouthPark>