

Meadow Creek Parkway

The Meadow Creek Parkway, from the intersection of McIntire Road and the Route 250 Bypass in the City of Charlottesville to Rio Road at Norfolk Southern Railroad will provide new north-south route connection from the County northern urban area to downtown Charlottesville. The new road will also provide an alternative to Rio Road and Park Street.

The Meadow Creek Parkway Final Report, May 2001, by Jones and Jones Consultants, establishes an alignment location and design standards for the development of Phase I of the Parkway in the County, from Melbourne Road to the railroad bridge on Rio Road. This report can be found under separate cover. In summary, the study calls for a two-lane road constructed on sufficient right-of-way to allow for its upgrade to a four-lane road, if necessary. The proposed design calls for a parkway concept, which includes pedestrian and bicycle facilities, landscaping and an adjacent linear park. The linear park will provide an open space and recreational benefit to the community and will serve to connect McIntire Park, Greenbrier Park, the City/County greenway along Meadow Creek, with additional linkages, to Pen Park, Charlottesville High School, CATEC and Charlottesville Catholic School. The proposed road alignment and design in the Meadow Creek Parkway Final Report are consistent with the alignment and design for the City portion of the road.

Northern Free State Road

The Northern Free State Road was formerly referred to as the Meadow Creek Parkway Phase II. The CHART Plan Study recommends that this road be studied in conjunction with the Eastern Connector, based on changes in development patterns and proposed projects in the northern area. It is assumed that portions of the roadway will be built by private developers, and that the character of the roadway may change within and between neighborhoods.

This road will be considered with the Route 29 Corridor Transportation Study (29H250) Master Planning process and with the Northern Development Areas (Places29) now underway. This road will provide connections to existing neighborhoods and areas of development north of Rio Road and potentially connect Urban Area to the Hollymead Community and Route 29.

Hillsdale Drive Extended

The Hillsdale Drive Extended will connect existing Hillsdale Drive from its terminus at Greenbrier to Hydraulic Road, creating a parallel roadway east of Route 29. This roadway will create an efficient alternate route for many residents, allowing them easier direct access to work, shopping, schools, and community facilities without having to travel on the Route 29 corridor.

Southern Parkway

The Southern Parkway will connect Avon Street to 5th Street Extended. Currently, there is no direct connection and this requires travelers to take a circuitous route to travel a very short distance. This road will provide an important east/west connection to the Southern urban area and provide important emergency (fire/rescue/police) access to in the area. This road will also improve east/west traffic now traveling through city neighborhood streets. Since some commuters use Interstate 64 to make this connection, this project could reduce local traffic on the Interstate.