

# Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RNC) Program

## Project Scope

The City of Montgomery has received \$36,663,000 for an equitable Regional Partnerships Challenge Grant with construction activities project to reconnect the West Montgomery residents located on the Selma-to-Montgomery Trail to opportunities, access, and connectivity by addressing poor social determinants of health that exist as a result of segregation, redlining, and construction of Interstates 65 and 85. The project will enhance public open spaces, increase safety and access to public safety amenities, broadband connectivity, zero-emission transportation options, workforce transportation micro-transit, wayfinding enhancements, and investments in future redevelopment. These enhancements will allow the City of Montgomery to reinvest in foundational transportation solutions in Historic West Montgomery to facilitate the renaissance of the Selma-to-Montgomery Trail community forgotten. The construction grant will be used to:

- Build trailheads that will act as a zero-emissions transportation option and allow pedestrians access to other public transit options at the Fairview Transfer Station.
- To repave, stripe, and landscape streets, add a bike lane on West Fairview Avenue from the Interstate-65 underpass to the Mobile Highway intersection and Highway 80 for 2.55 miles.
- Smart lighting includes CC cameras and Wi-Fi hotspots along Mobile Street, South Holt Street, West Fred Gray Avenue, Oak Street, and West Fairview Avenue.
- Fiber installation will occur for 5.45 miles along the Trail to ensure intelligent technologies will have the broadband required to provide a safe, connected community.
- Historic markers and wayfinding signs improvements include eight intersection crosswalk art installations that correspond to the existing Selma to Montgomery corridors to ensure that pedestrians are aware of the location and direction of the Trail.
- Bus stops and shelters will be upgraded along the Trail to include covered bus shelters and intelligent benches.
- Mitigating and redeveloping a historic Art Deco service station at 533 Mobile Street will be a charging station with a micro-grid for future redevelopment projects on Mobile Street.
- Tree canopy along the route
- 2.11 miles of sidewalks to connect vulnerable populations to public transit and other anchor institutions in the area.

Key elements and infrastructure improvements that are within the project area include:

- Environmental Justice redevelopment of a local brownfield site into a charging station and microgrid.
- The location will also act as a workforce training hub for economic development incentives to businesses looking to relocate on the trail.
- The project will provide West Montgomery with workforce micro-transit that will allow the residents to have access to transportation to work in one of the three large industrial parks in the City.
- The development of the trailhead will also provide an additional low-emissions transportation option that will be ADA-compliant, ensuring accessibility for all.
- The repaving and striping project will also extend bike lanes.

## Next Steps

- Grant Agreement
- RFIs
- NEPA Requirements

## Grant Application Proposed Project Schedule

Action	Timeframe
Award	Spring 2024
Planning and Community Engagement	Spring 2024- September 2025
ADEM brownfields voluntary cleanup activities Advertisement of bids for design and engineering	Spring-August 2024
100% complete design for non-brownfield construction Obtain a building permit from the Inspections Department Environmental clearance for brownfield sites Bid brownfield site design	August 2024 - October 2024
Construction bid and award	January 2025 -March 2025
Construction	March 2025 - March 2026
Project Closeout	March 2026-September 2026

## Department of Transportation Revised Schedule

Action	Timeframe
Award	Spring 2024
Satisfy all applicable requirements for grant agreement	Spring 2024-September 2026
Sign grant agreement	Spring 2025
Planning	Spring 2024-September 2026
Community engagement Phase I – Pre-award Phase II – Post-award Phase III - Updates	Spring 2024-September 2031
ADEM brownfields voluntary cleanup activities Advertisement of bids for design and engineering	September 2026
100% complete design for non-brownfield construction Obtain a building permit from the Inspections Department Environmental clearance for brownfield sites Bid brownfield site design	September 2026-November 2026
Construction bid and award	January 2026-March 2026
Construction	March 2026-March 2031
Project closeout	March 2031-September 2031

