

Spartanburg County Secures \$23.8M US Department of Transportation RAISE grant

Spartanburg, SC – November 19, 2021 – Spartanburg County government, in partnership with PAL, has been awarded a US Department of Transportation grant of \$23.8M for The Daniel Morgan Trail System. The Daniel Morgan Trail System is a 55+ mile trail network made of existing and proposed trail segments that cross the urban area of Spartanburg County.

This federal grant will fund almost 15 miles of new multi-use path, primarily along the Fairforest Creek starting at Mayfair Lofts on the northern end to CC Woodson Recreation Center on the southern. In addition, there is an extension to the Spartanburg Memorial Airport and across highway 295 to R.P. Dawkins Middle School. Implementing this critical portion of The Dan will provide a seamless trail facility that connects our community and re-stitches our neighborhoods together.

Project Details:

- Award amount: \$23,845,187 (of the 63 awarded grants, only 4 were larger than Spartanburg's)
- Awarding agency: US Department of Transportation
- Grant program: FY21 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant
- Spartanburg's grant name: Spartanburg County Multi Modal Project – Active Transportation to Bridge Racial Equity, Economy and Sustainability
- 14.6 miles of 10-foot-wide asphalt multi-use pathway
- Additional features of the project: a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Highway 295, approximately four intersection/roadway crossing improvements (Powell Mill Road, US 29/ W.O. Ezell Blvd., John B. White, US 221/ Church Street), approximately five pre-fabricated pedestrian bridges, improvements along US 29 into downtown Spartanburg
- Includes eight census tracts of persistent poverty
- All funds must be expended within 7 years

A few of the destinations along this segment of The Dan include:

- Mayfair Lofts & Art Studios
- Jesse Bobo Elementary School
- Spartanburg Methodist College
- Downtown Spartanburg
- Park Hills, Highland, & Southside neighborhoods
- The City of Spartanburg's CC Woodson Recreation Center
- Spartanburg Memorial Airport
- RP Dawkins Middle School
- And the Fairforest Creek

About The Dan:

The Daniel Morgan Trail System is one of Upstate South Carolina's most transformative projects creating an equitable intermodal network for active transportation, and providing sustainable transportation connections to regional job centers, schools, community centers, existing neighborhoods, and new public and private housing developments, the vibrant downtown, and the city's airport. More can be found at palspartanburg.org.