

CITY OF MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS



WHAT IS THE RECONNECTING NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT?

The Department of Transportation's **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant** is a community driven planning effort to help solve some of the barriers created by Interstate 40 separating several neighborhoods in North Memphis.

The CRA has been granted **\$2.6 million** to engage with these affected communities in a design process that will consist of plans and conceptual drawings that will enhance 12 crossing points.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Research and Data Collection

Data: Gathering information from community feedback, traffic studies and environmental assessments.

Story Map: A Web based map application accessible to the public to view site information and visualize the grant activities in a geographic context.

Outreach and Engagement

Community Liaisons: Residents and stakeholders from the grant project area.

Workshops: Sessions seeking community feedback and opportunities for design plans to be shared.

Planning and Design

Conceptual Designs: Created for all 12 crossing points

Implementation Plan: Report containing conceptual designs, construction drawings for a subset of crossing points, and funding strategy.



NEIGHBORHOODS

- New Chicago
- Smokey City
- Klondike
- Speedway Terrace
- North Parkway-Forest
- Crosstown
- Medical District

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

This project can include landscaping and greening along these routes which will:

- help mitigate heat and air pollution, and
- beautify these connections

TIMELINE

2026

Collect community feedback and begin design process

2027

Compile plans and drawings, and develop funding strategy for improvements

2028

Request state adoption of plans, and start applying for capital improvement grants



Meeting information and grant activity updates
Visit the CRA website at cramemphis.org/i40

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