

City of Berea – 2025 TLCI Implementation Program Application Front Street Sidewalk Connection Project

Project Description

This project will accomplish the installation of new sidewalks where a section of sidewalk does not exist on the west side of Front Street, between Center Street and Church Street, within the City of Berea. Work will include the installation of approximately 120 feet of sidewalk to connect existing sidewalks and complete the Front Street sidewalk network. Additionally, a walk ramp will be installed to connect the proposed sidewalk with the existing public pedestrian bridge that provides access behind Riverside Gardens and over the East Branch of the Rocky River. Multiple retaining walls will be needed to support the proposed walk and ramp. Hand railings will be installed for fall protection and pedestrian support.

The City will apply for grant funds through NOACA's 2025 Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Implementation Program. According to the grant terms, Berea is a designated Urban Core Community, and the project location is within an Environmental Justice Area, which allows the local funding match to be waived. If the grant is awarded, the project will be fully funded by the TLCI program. This funding is from the federal government and requires the project to follow ODOT's Plan Development Process (PDP). Construction of the new sidewalk connection is expected to take place in 2026.