



2009 STATEWIDE SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

SCDOT Commission Committee for Enhancements

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Overview: Throughout the state of South Carolina sidewalks are beginning to be used more and more. As additional emphasis is placed on good health and fitness, walking in a location that families feel safe is becoming of paramount importance. All too often necessary sidewalk improvement projects are not constructed due to fiscal limitations. Unsightly and sometimes dangerous dirt paths throughout South Carolina continue to remain in place. This program if implemented could assist in addressing many of these issues.

Program Highlights:

1. Enhancement funding in the amount of \$2 million dollars would be reserved for sidewalk improvements in each engineering district.
2. Funds would be used to construct new sidewalks and/or to upgrade existing sidewalks to insure compliance with the most current standards with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).
3. Recommendations and estimates would be provided by district engineering staff and confirmed by headquarters staff for development of each project. Locations in close proximity to schools, public buildings, community centers and businesses would be given priority. Only projects within public rights of way meeting federal eligibility requirements for the Transportation Enhancement Program will be selected.
 - i. Guidelines for need identification
 - ii. Obvious dirt foot paths
 - iii. Existing sidewalk that is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act
 - iv. Evidence of pedestrian fatalities or injuries
 - Ability to provide connectivity to public facilities or places of interest
4. Projects requiring new rights of way acquisition or utility relocations will not be allowed.