

# City of Charlotte Commitment to the Pedestrian Program



#### **Problem**

The City of Charlotte needs better pedestrian facilities to promote a safe, comfortable, efficient, and connected pedestrian system.

# **Background**

Charlotte is committed to advancing a balanced transportation system that accommodates motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The city's commitment to becoming a more walkable community is evident in the \$5 million annual allocation to build and maintain sidewalks.

### Solution

Charlotte created a comprehensive Pedestrian Program to manage sidewalk installation and upkeep as well as public outreach for pedestrian issues to help comply with and exceed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The program created a centralized and organized structure for advancing pedestrian needs in the city.

#### Results

Some of the results of the commitment to the Pedestrian Program are:

- Construction of approximately 14 miles of sidewalks in 2003
- Hiring of a full-time Pedestrian Program Manager
- 100 percent complete GIS inventory of existing sidewalks throughout the city
- Development of mid-block crossing guidelines
- Installation of pedestrian countdown signals
- Implementation of public awareness campaigns
- Creation of a Pedestrian Master Plan.

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