

# BPC 2/5/2025 Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:00 AM

## Attendees:

**Cleopatra Allen** (RH resident, HEAL YC & RFATS CAC);

**Candice Barber** (SC Department of Social Services);

**Bret Baronak** (Carolina Thread Trail);

**April Brown** (FM resident);

**Amy Boulris** (FM resident);

**Joanne Burkett** (SC resident, former Palmetto Cycling Coalition interim director);

**Liz Duda** (TC resident, HEAL YC);

**Stevie Micheli** (SC Department of Public Health);

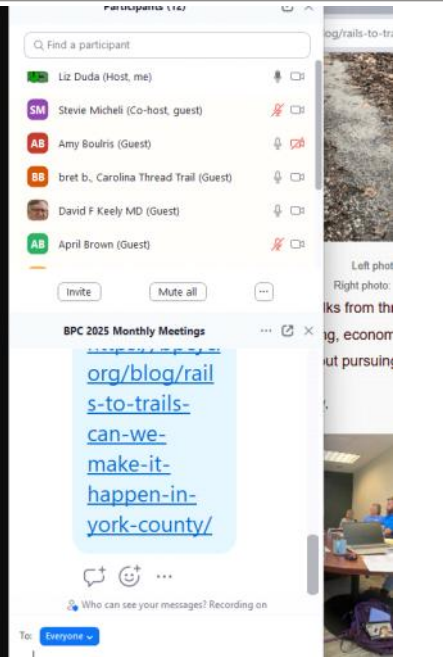
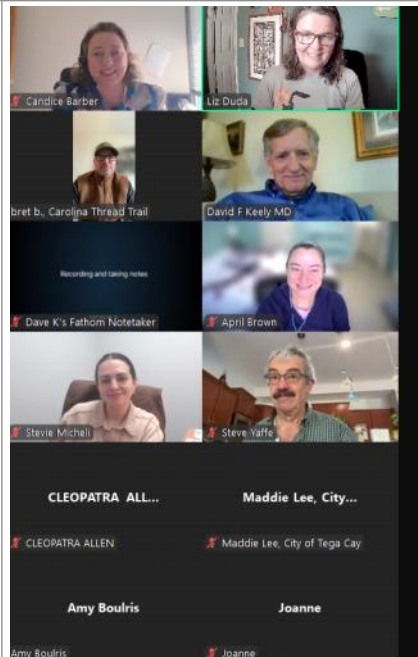
**David Keely** (Tobacco-Free YC, HEAL YC, & RFATS CAC);

**Maddie Lee** (City of TC);

**Steve Yaffe** (transit consultant)

## Absent but gave updates:

**Gretchen Benner** (FM resident)



**Meeting purpose:** Monthly BPC of York County Zoom meeting to share updates and collaborate on active transportation projects and initiatives in York County, SC.

**Next meeting:** March 5, in person, with Bret Baronak as guest speaker.

## Followups:

1. Get involved:
  - a. Attend and invite interested people to the next monthly Healthy Eating Active Living workgroup/ HEAL YC coalition meeting on Tue., 2/12/2025, noon. (Contact [Stevie Micheli](#) for details.)
  - b. Reminder for City of Rock Hill Comprehensive Plan Public Health Element focus group participants to respond to meeting survey from Amy Jo Denton.
    - i. Suggest adding Rails to Trails.
2. Get educated:
  - o FM resident, Amy Boulris, blog on the BPC website, ["the last mile" in new school's sight but not budget](#).
  - o [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#) advocate videos including the one with [BPC member Liz Duda](#).
3. Individual action items:
  - a. Amy Boulris contact SCDOT about inactive crosswalk signal at White Street to request activation and crosswalk paint.
4. March 5 BPC meeting planning:
  - a. Liz Duda arrange March 5 in-person meeting location.
  - b. Bret Baronak to present Carolina Thread Trail Fort Mill-area feasibility study findings.

**Discussion Summary:** Baronak shared the final steps of the Carolina Thread Trail feasibility study and offered to present findings at the March 5 BPC meeting. He also noted the recent York County rails to trails strategic partnership. New Tega Cay Elementary School bike/scooter safety developments include a planned TCPD video and expected Sept. 2 or 3 dates for rodeo at which Duda asks for BPC volunteers. Micheli invites all to Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) workgroup meeting on Feb. 12 (noon). We discussed Tega Cay and Rock Hill updating their comprehensive plans and the ped/cycling accident data that can inform the plans. We also discussed funding opportunities, infrastructure improvement needs, and Yaffe's participation in the Transportation Regional Board conference.

## Discussion Highlights:

**Updates from absent people: .**

- 1. Gretchen Benner and Chelsea Beauchamp continue work to revise a previously drafted petition for FMHS safety of students/crossing guards.

**Carolina Thread Trail Fort Mill-area feasibility study (Bret Baronak)**

- Steering committee, including Baronak and Duda, is meeting next week; feasibility study shows opportunities for pathways in the area and found many trail connections. Is a relatively robust trail system, connecting to the most recognized Greenway in the region.
- RFATS MPO previously gave guideshare (TIP transportation) funding for bike/ped projects in our region; the study's recommended alignments lines up with RFATS money target areas; RFATS previously allocated bike/ped-related transportation spending of up to \$10MM. Will share findings with RFATS' David Hooper this week.
- In March BPC meeting would like to present study findings.

**York County Rails to Trails (Bret Baronak)** - Collaborating with The Conservation Fund which partners with Norfolk Southern as a "project catalyst" in a "land holding capacity." First mile of Sioux Falls rail trail in Chester County now open; phase two planned for later this year.

**Transportational Regional Board (Steve Yaffe)** - Attended [TRB conference](#) in Washington D.C. last month. Is on transit data committee. Also has active transportation committees. Developing research-need statements and full problem statements, e.g., transit to military bases.

**Tega Cay Elementary School (TCES) Bike & Scooter Safety (Liz Duda)**

- Working with the school principal and TCPD on safety events.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to TCES's May celebration of National Walk and Roll to School Day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host a bike/scooter (electric and self-propelled scooter) rodeo in the TCES parking lot (bus loop side) on Sat. Aug. 2 or Sun. Aug. 3, 2025 using community volunteers at stations and leveraging BPC.</li> </ul>
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**Accident Data Tracking (Stevie Micheli, Liz Duda)**

- DSS has motor vehicle traffic data related to YC.
- We appreciate that the City of TC shared its publicly available data with the BPC.
- Goal is for municipalities and county to track their own data and use it in planning, e.g., considering it in comprehensive plan updates.

**Comprehensive Plan Updates (Maddie Lee, Liz Duda)**

- City of Tega Cay working on 2025 City of TC comp plan update
- Rock Hill updating comp plan; Duda, Keely, Allen, others part of public health component focus group
- Accident data could inform city/county comp plan updates

**Funding Opportunities (Liz Duda)**

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding available
- Potential application for Harris Road sidewalk to Fort Mill High School discussed at RFATS Policy Committee

**Infrastructure Improvements (Amy Boulris)**

- New sidewalk being constructed on Whites Road to new schools using CMAQ funds thanks to York County/Fort Mill collaboration and residents speaking up for need, with BPC support.
- How to active pedestrian crossing signal at 161/Sutton Road intersection? Emphasize "safety" and complete this form <https://www.scdot.org/scdotcontactus.html> which will go to SCDOT district engineer.

**Other Items of Note:**

- SCSS will host SC Works workshop to help job seekers find targeted roles on 2/14 (10 people). Contact [Candice Barber](#) to join.
- HEAL workgroup meeting at RH Health Department at noon, 2/11 Contact Stevie Micheli to join.
- Recommend OWL hardware for in-person/online connection in hybrid meetings.