

1/7/2026 BPC Notes

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 9:00 AM

Bike-Ped Coalition of York County January 2026 Meeting

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Meeting Purpose: Review bike/pedestrian project updates and plan coalition activities for 2026.

Meeting Attendees: **Dr. David Keely** (host), Tobacco-Free York County; **Chad Andrews**, Rock Hill Bicycle Club; Candice Barber, DSS; **Alex Boyce**, City of Rock Hill; **Scott Coughenour**, Fort Mill resident & business owner; **Liz Duda**, Tega Cay Healthy Kids; **Alex Stephens**, York County; **Janet Wojcik**, Winthrop University & ACSM; **Steve Yaffe**, transit consulting

Next Steps / Action Items

Alex Boyce:

- Post Rock Hill comp plan link in chat.

Liz Duda:

- Stay in contact with Ben to fix the Bike Ped Coalition website security certificate.
- Add Chad Andrews to the mailing list.
- Distribute meeting notes.
- Schedule 2026 meetings including a few Tuesday and two in-person.
- Post the "Walk for Peace" info to the coalition's Facebook page.
- Email meeting photo to Candace.

David Keely:

- Follow up with Sarah Ramirez (City of York) on funding for the Hunter Street Elementary sidewalk.
- Invite Brown Simpson (Fort Mill Parks & Rec) to next meeting.
- Email AI meeting notes to Liz for distribution.

Steve Yaffe:

- Connect the Fort Mill family with Candice Barber (DSS) for support.

Key Takeaways

- **Project Progress:** Rock Hill's Northside Trail is ~6 months from completion. York County is replacing nearly 100 missing bike route signs after a 5-year maintenance gap.
- **Planning Updates:** Rock Hill's 5-year Comp Plan is adopted. Fort Mill and Tega Cay are finalizing their plans, creating a key advocacy window for the coalition.
- **Coalition Leadership:** Liz Duda welcomes another leader to step up, either to lead or co-lead. Or could do a rotating chair model in 2026.
- **Community Support:** The coalition connected a Fort Mill family in need with DSS resources (SNAP, TANF, job assistance) and highlighted the "Walk for Peace" monks' upcoming visit.

Discussion Topics

Coalition Operations & Leadership

- **Leadership Transition:** Liz Duda asks for coalition leadership support in 2026 - either a new leader or a rotating chair model, as used before Duda and Ben Ullman took over.
- **Website Status:** The coalition website is down due to an expired security certificate. This prevents new members from self-registering for the mailing list. Liz Duda is working with Ben Ullman to fix it. The coalition appreciate Ben's continued support.
- **Meeting Schedule:**
 - **Frequency:** Continue monthly meetings.

- **Timing:** Add some Tuesday meetings to accommodate members like Chris Stephens.
- **Format:** Hold two in-person meetings annually (e.g., March, September).

Local Project Updates

- **Rock Hill (Alex Boyce)**
 - **Northside Trail:** Under construction; completion expected in ~6 months.
 - **Dave Lyle Blvd Trail:** City is working with SCDOT on the next phase; drawings are expected soon.
- **York County (Chris Stephens)**
 - **Bike Route Signage:** Replacing nearly 100 missing signs after a 5-year maintenance gap.
 - **Note:** The Rock Hill Bicycle Club previously offered to volunteer.
 - **Trails Master Plan:** Hopeful for future funding.
- **City of York (David Keely)**
 - **Hunter Street Elementary Sidewalk:** Advocating for a short sidewalk segment to improve safety for students.
 - **Bicycle Training Center:** The coalition provided a letter of support for this proposed project.

Regional Planning & Infrastructure

- **Comprehensive Plans**
 - **Rock Hill:** 5-year review adopted in early December.
 - **Fort Mill & Tega Cay:** Finalizing their plans, creating a key advocacy window for the coalition.
- **Penny Tax Projects (Scott C.)**
 - **US-21 Widening (Catawba River to Hwy 160):** In initial survey phase; construction is 6–8 years away.
 - **Future Design:** 5-lane road with a curb, grass buffer, and 4–5 ft sidewalk on both sides.
 - **Gold Hill & US-21 Intersection:** No crosswalks currently. A realignment is planned as part of the Penny Tax project.
 - **I-77 Interchanges (Exits 82 & 90):** Funding moved up, accelerating progress.
- **New Stoplights:** Now active at Doby's Bridge Rd (for Massey Elementary) and planned for Catawba Ridge High School.
- **Mountain Bike Trails (Scott C.)**
 - **River Bend Preserve:** York County Council approved >\$1M for new trails.
 - **Lake Wylie/Clover Park:** Funding also approved to complete trails.

Advocacy & Community Engagement

- **Fort Mill Family Support (Steve Yaffe):** A family moving to Fort Mill requires support with food and budgeting.
 - **DSS Resources (Candice Barber):** Emergency SNAP, TANF, job assistance (resume/interview coaching).
 - **Local Resources:** Fort Mill Care Center, United Way financial literacy classes, Fort Mill School District resource list.
- **"Walk for Peace" Monks (Janet Wojcik)**
 - A group of monks walking from Texas to D.C. for peace will be in the Rock Hill/Charlotte area this weekend. Two monks were hit by a vehicle earlier in the walk, highlighting the need for safe pedestrian infrastructure. Not requesting food/water, but open to clothing or shawls.
- **Dutch-Style Intersections (Steve Yaffe)**
 - A design that channelizes bike paths and turning movements to minimize car-bike conflicts.
 - **Rationale:** Improves safety, especially with large vehicles that have poor right-side visibility.