

4/1/2026 BPC meeting

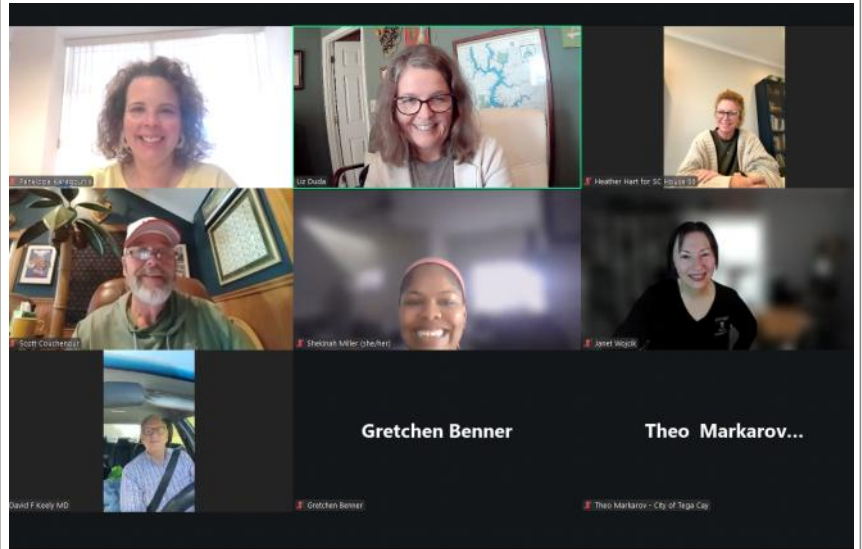
Wednesday, April 1, 2026 9:00 AM

Meeting summary: After introductions of folks from municipal planning departments, local coalitions, educational institutions, business owners and residents, the group discussed funding opportunities, grant applications, and project updates. Identified followups that would help inform the community and policymakers and effect infrastructure improvements.

BPC April 1, 2026 Meeting Attendees

Gretchen Benner, Fort Mill resident
Alex Boyce, Rock Hill Planner
Scott Coughenour, Fort Mill resident & business owner
Liz Duda, Tega Cay Healthy Kids
Heather Hart, SC House 66 Candidate
Penelope Karagounis, Town of Fort Mill Planner
Dr. Dave Keely, RFATS CAC, Tobacco-Free York County
Theo Markarov, City of Tega Cay Planner
Shekinah Miller, Impact York County, Atrium Health
Janet Wojcik, Winthrop University, American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

Absent but checked in: Steve Yaffe



Followups:

1. For local scorecard to feed into state health scorecard, which needs measurable outcomes to feed to decisionmakers, get bike/ped goals ideas from:
 - o Steve Allen, Catawba COG
 - o Palmetto Walk Bike (state level)
2. Liz and Gretchen to follow up with Tommy Feemster of SCDOT to collaboratively discuss simple fixes (paint, signs, lights) to Harris and Munn Roads around FMHS related to FMHS walkability study.
3. Inquire about projects of interest as being guest speakers at May meeting:
 - a. SS4A - Teowonna Clifton, David Hooper, Bradley Reynolds, or Scott Sibert
 - b. Pennies for Progress - Patrick Hamilton
4. Let's plan a party for an esteemed former municipal and county planner who is receiving a prestigious award in April! Contact Liz if you want to get involved.

Upcoming events:

- BikeWalk NC Webinar: North Carolina Thursday 4/9/2026, 7pm
- [RFATS Policy Committee meeting](#), Fri., 4/24/2026, 12pm
- Next BPC meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 9am, in person - Velodrome?; pursuing two guest speakers with relevant topics
- Stakeholders meeting for Community Health Improvement Plan for York County, June 25
- BPC advocate Luther Dasher's [Ride to End Alzheimers](#)

Discussion Highlights:

Funding / Grants

Funding sources

- CMAQ - closed yesterday
- TAP - closed yesterday
- TIP
- SS4A - deadline May 26
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program:
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>
 - This may be the final year for this program
 - Forwarded to Dave/Liz from SC DHS given our work with the schools noting that this may be appropriate for school projects (e.g., Harris Road in York County near FMHS)- Safe Routes for School-related funding: Safe Streets and Roads for All: 60 Days to Apply for Safety Plans & Projects
 - RFATS gave SS4A Update at March meeting; includes lowering speed limits; extra police force presence
 - **Next step: Liz following up with RFATS to ask for speaker to discuss SS4A at May meeting**

Grants

- Fort Mill turned in grant yesterday for adaptive traffic signals in conjunction with York County that could help traffic; \$3MM CMAQ grant that requires matching funds; is part of Fort Mill's funding strategy as approved by town council.
 - BPC wrote letter of support.
- Rock Hill turned in grants for: sidewalk near regional park on Freedom; and Dave Lyle pedestrian flyover bridge (for which federal funding was revoked)
- Tega Cay did not apply this year
- York County?

Other funding needs

- Rock Hill's Sunset Park Elementary on southwest side of Rock Hill; new playground; off of Heckle Blvd. There are new sidewalks near the school on the Ogden Road side.
- Hunter Street Elementary, City of York - Dr. Dave will mention to council; Stephen Allen, Catawba COG, is aware of funding as discussed in previous BPC meeting
- Harris Road by FMHS towards Pleasant Road
 - As identified in FMHS walkability study, simple fixes include paint, lights, and signage
 - Property is mostly county; some town
 - Need significant money to buy property for right of way
 - **Next step: Liz and Gretchen to follow up with Tommy Feemster of SCDOT to collaboratively discuss simple fixes**

Project Updates

Comprehensive Plans and Planning

- Town of Fort Mill adopted the Our Path Forward Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan on March 23. The parks & rec master plan will come through town council in May. Last night expanded moratorium for another six months for new applications to annex or rezone for residential and no rezoning applications for industrial. Staff is now working on proposed text amendments (since both plans have been adopted).
- City of TC second reading for 2025 comprehensive plan is scheduled for April 13
- City of RH updated its master plan last year; its thoroughfare plan is still in the works, aiming for fall 2026; will have a public input session

Pennies project at Hwy 21 at Harris near FMHS

- 5-lane road, 6-foot bike to curb, 5-foot sidewalk; designed for up to 55mph
- Concerns remain about potentially high speed limit, and design not meeting Town of Fort Mill standards (since this is in unincorporated portion, so in York County) which are appropriate for this community.

Health Scorecard

- State of SC Dept of Health is creating a new database and scorecard; can measure behavioral health / mental health; injury; chronic disease prevention (which includes healthy eating / active living or HEAL) with the goal of each of the 11 counties to feed into the state scorecard. **Could put bike/ped goals under the scorecard.** We want measurable outcomes in a scorecard to feed to decisionmakers.
- **Next step: Get goal ideas from:**
 - **Steve Allen**
 - **Ask Palmetto Walk Bike if they have objectives for a state level.**

Other projects updates from RFATS meeting

- In Tega Cay from Catawba Park - need two more right of way purchases
- From Spratt Street to FM Parkway

Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) updates

- CTT is a nonprofit that works with local governments in SC and NC; then municipal governments look for funding to build these trails
- May will mark 20 years since CTT started master planning. CTT is revising master plans for 15 counties.

Other Items of Interest

City of Tega Cay / TCPD e-bike safety efforts

- City of Tega Cay and TCPD [E-bike information and safety tips sheets](#), 3/24/2026
- TCPD E-bike Safety and Education event, 3/14/2026
- TCPD podcast: [E-bikes with Officer McCormack](#), 3/20/2026

City of Tega Cay Bike Safety Efforts

- [Bike & Scooter Safety Rodeo](#), Sun., Aug. 3, 2025

Ride to End Alzheimer's

- Luther Dasher, BPC advocacy, is biking 257 miles across South Carolina again for his 17th year to help reclaim the future for millions. By participating in A [Ride to End Alzheimers](#), Luther is committed to raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research, care and support. Last year, he raised \$15,370 and was one of the top 10 fundraisers for their ride, and 21st in the country for all ALZ Ride Events. I hope to do as well again this year with your help.

Info source:

- AASTHOA - specifications for sidewalks