

4/2/2025 BPC Notes

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 9:00 AM

Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting Notes (Wed., Apr. 2, 2025)

Attendees: no attendance taken

Meeting Summary: Discussed public input opportunities including Tega Cay and Fort Mill's comp plan updates and the RFATS 2055 long-range transportation plan draft, and suggested possible data sources to help inform these plans. BPC will investigate a York elementary school lacking a short section of sidewalk to see if we can support so kids can walk/roll safely to school. HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) York County workgroup has funds to spend by June. Discussed other grant opportunities, and BPC letter of support for York County TIP funding grant (supports our safe routes to FMHS work).

Followups:

1. Dave & Liz follow up on need to finalize sidewalk near Hunter Street Elementary School in York: City of York, Catawba COG, & the principal.

Discussion Highlights:

Public Input Opportunities

1. **City of Tega Cay Comprehensive Plan Update** - Health and Active Living component
 - a. Attend Tega Cay [Comp Plan Open House](#), Apr. 7 (4:30-6:30pm), Glennon Center (Tega Cay Dr./Molokai Dr.)
 - b. Retake/take Tega Cay [Comp Plan Survey](#) by Apr. 30 - link not working
 - c. Tega Cay's "Access Transportation" numbers (usage; cost; marketing) could be useful data points
2. **Town of Fort Mill Comprehensive Plan Update** - Mobility component
 - a. Attend Fort Mill Comp Plan Open House, Wed., Apr. 9 (4:30-7pm) Unity Church Fellowship Hall (303 Tom Hall St.)
 - b. Then take [online survey](#) by Jun. 13, 2025.
3. **RFATS 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan public review draft**, 30-day comment period
 - a. Liz spoke at [Mar. 28 RFATS Policy Committee meeting](#) (citizen comments) reinforcing importance of multi-modal options at local level even while abiding by federal executive orders.

Items of Interest

1. Comprehensive/transportation plans can consider food deserts - where it is unsafe for people to walk one mile (max) to a healthy food source; food swamps have abundance of junk food offerings.
 - o York County could create a dashboard; see
 - SC Department of Public Health [Food Desert Map](#) (last updated 2019)
 - Gaston County [dashboard](#)
 - University of Wisconsin (wisconsin.edu) area deprivation index - neighborhood atlas
 - o Could be useful to compare to York County bike routes
2. HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) workgroup
 - a. Added results-based accountability into action planning; workgroup is almost done with the RBA steps;
 - b. Has \$40K to spend by end of June (EBI or HEAL, e.g., food insecurity, including for minorities, including on college campuses); at 4/8 meeting will discuss what to support and how to spend

- c. Created an informal needs assessment survey with the Rock Hill Housing Authority with some questions related to mobility and accessibility (housing and transportation are linked)

Advocacy Opportunity

- Safe routes to Hunter Street Elementary School in York - the sidewalk is almost all of the way to school but needs 50 yards.
 - Outside of RFATS zone - check with Catawba COG
 - Look at York County GIS at parcel of land between school and development on York County GIS - whose road? Along Hunter Street towards downtown York.
 - EWD will check with City of York / Amy Gonzalez
 - DFK will check with Hunter Street Elementary principal on walk/bike statistics and if there is a community member advocating already

Grant Opportunities

1. announced at [1/24/2025 RFATS Policy Committee meeting](#)
 - a. [FY 24-33 TIP Amendment](#)
 - b. [FY 25-26 Transportation Alternatives Program](#) - York County pursuing TAP grant for the 2025 grant funding cycle.
 - i. Christopher Stephens update: The county is looking to provide a sidewalk from the Sutton Place subdivision along Sam Smith Road to Harris Road. The county is collecting letters of support. I wanted to see if the BPC could provide a letter of support.
 - ii. CS update 2: Thanks for the letter of support. I sincerely appreciate all the work that you and the BPC have done for this project as a whole. I have a copy of the walkability assessment, which I will include in the TAP application. I will give you a brief update on the TAP project. This past Friday I met with SCDOT at the project site. SCDOT is currently working up the cost estimate. We will likely have to go with curb and gutter along Sam Smith to limit right-of-way impacts. We are also likely to try to tie into the sidewalk on Sutton Mill subdivision as well. I won't be able to attend the upcoming BPC meeting. I have several meeting conflicts on Wednesday. These meetings reoccur every month and seem to always conflict with the BPC meeting time. I will make myself available in the coming months to make a meeting
 - c. [FY 25-26 Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program](#)
2. South Carolina Parks, Rec, & Tourism's [Recreational Trails Program](#)

Upcoming Community Events

- Saturday, 4/5/2025 (10am-12pm) Come See Me Festival in Rock Hill - Healthy Kids Zone - family health awareness opportunity, at Velodrome
- [Tega Cay Elementary Family Friday Walk/Roll to School Day](#), Fri., Apr. 4 (7am)
- [Bike/Roll to TCES & Cocoa with the Popo & Fist Bump a Firefighter](#), Fri., May 9 (7am)

Upcoming Community Meetings

- **Next HEAL workgroup meeting** - Tue. Apr. 8 (noon)
- **Next RFATS Policy Committee meeting** - Fri., May 16 (noon)
- **Next BPC meeting** - Tues., May 13 (9am) Zoom (changed date - hopefully York County's Christopher Stephens can join as he has a conflict with our usual date)