

5/13/2025 BPC Notes

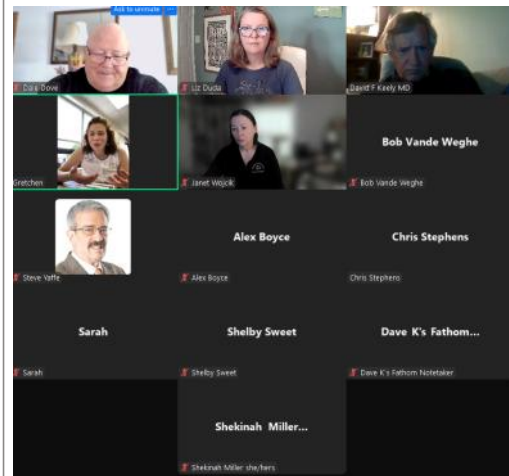
Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:00 AM

Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting - Zoom, Tues., May. 13, 2025, 9am

5/13/2025 BPC Meeting Summary: People introduced themselves as new and returning residents, planners, community organizations, academia, and consultants from York County, Fort Mill, Rock Hill, Tega Cay, York, and the state. Discussed comprehensive plan updates underway in Fort Mill, Rock Hill, and Tega Cay - with public input opportunities available there and at RFATS public hearing. Summarized rails-to-trails initiative as progressing slowly, and decided to call a strategy meeting to determine next steps. Discussed needs, successes, and opportunities to make routes to York County Schools safer for walkers, bikers, and rollers, noting schools in York County are proven to have a very large number of walkers when they are more safely accessible.

Attendees:

Liz Duda (TC resident)
Gretchen Benner (FM resident)
Alex Boyce (City of RH Planning)
Dale Dove (RH resident)
Dr. Dave Keely (RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee)
Stevie Micheli (SC Dept. of Public Health)
Shekinah Miller (Impact York County)
Sarah Ramirez (City of York, Capital Planning Manager)
Christopher Stephens (YC Planning)
Shelby Sweet (City of RH Planning)
Bob Vande Weghe (resident)
Janet Wojcik (Winthrop University)
Steve Yaffe (transit consultant)



Followups:

1. Call a rails-to-trails core group meeting to determine next steps (Duda): Dale D., Bob V., Sarah R., Liz D., Steve A., Bret B., Jason F. (meeting held 5/30/2025)
2. Contact Dr. Dave Keely if you want to join meeting with RFATS's David Hooper about TAP funding possibility for Hunter Street Elementary sidewalk in York (all).
3. Respond to Benner query about road-paving notice in Fort Mill (Stephens).
4. Opportunities to get involved:
 - a. End-of-summer Bike/Scooter Safety Rodeo at Tega Cay Elementary (contact Liz Duda, Tega Cay Healthy Kids)
 - b. Advocate for a skate park at Skate Jam, May 24, 11am-4pm (contact Brendan Roby, Conspiracy Board Shop)
5. Who is coordinating fixed up / donated bikes?? (Duda to tell Halverson; maybe BPC should get a list together?)

Discussion Highlights

1. Public Input Opportunities

- a. Comprehensive (comp) plans: mandated by state, covering specific items (e.g., transportation, economic development, population), and vision document; need to update every 5 years; important to have public input to support planners' efforts

- i. Town of Fort Mill [Comprehensive Plan](#) Update - Mobility component, **take survey by June 13, 2025! Spread the word!**
- ii. City of Rock Hill comp plan - hosted workshops and now working on vision document; the city's planning committee is the steering committee; Aug/Sept. public meetings; Sept/Oct workshop; Oct/Nov adoption
- iii. City of Tega Cay comp plan update - Health and Active Living component
- b. RFATS 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan [public review draft](#), **public hearing on Fri., May 16, 10am**

2. York County Rails to Trails status and next steps

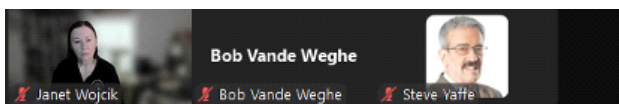
- a. Gave history; slow progress; at this since 2023
- b. Duda received Duke Power strategic plan / rail line needs and can follow up with questions; Duke previously didn't allow rail line conversation to trail as might need to transport nuclear reactor in the future; improvements have been made on 161 so maybe the roadbed could be used; Duke public meeting wasn't helpful
- c. Consider not waiting, but rather pitching to Norfolk Southern and doing studies
- d. **Add Andy Clinton of Visit York County to distribution list.**

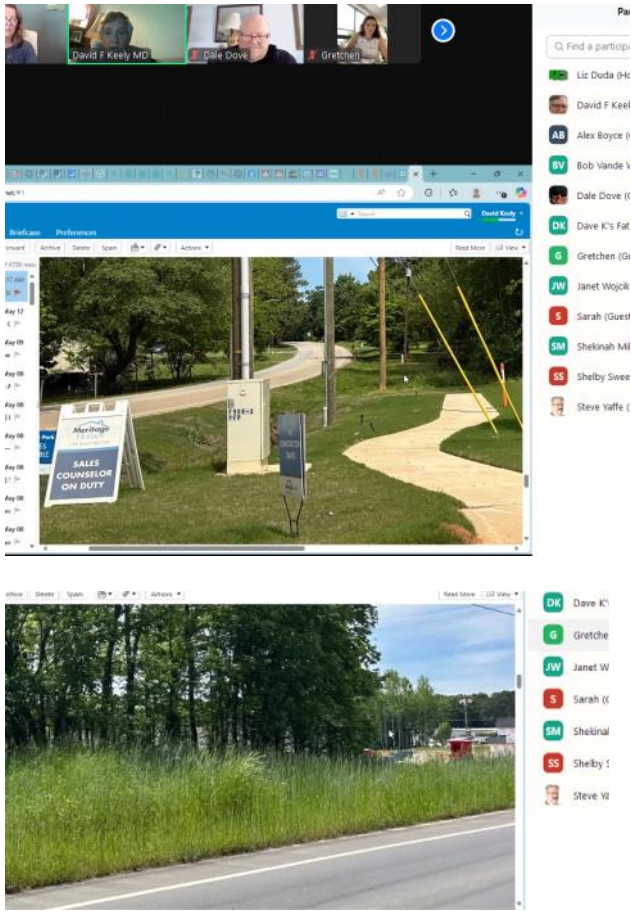
3. Efforts to get Safe Routes to York County Schools

- a. Get involved: TCES Bike/Scooter Rodeo, Sun., ~~July 27~~ or August 3
 - i. Messages to include:
 - 1) Appropriate shoes to enable appropriate traction because of car/friend can avoid accident
 - 2) Helmets for electric scooters
- b. Research: Sidewalk gap to YSD's Hunter Street Elementary
 - i. Hunter Street Elementary (York) sidewalk to nowhere:
 - i. Dr. Dave identified need for sidewalks connecting three nearby neighborhoods
 - ii. Principal supportive, zero current walkers/bikers due to safety concerns
 - iii. Planning to apply for TAP funding for sidewalk project; David Hooper can discuss [FY 25-26 Transportation Alternatives Program](#) funding
 - iv. No sidewalks near Hunter Park
 - ii. Fort Mill High School area:
 - i. Grant application submitted for sidewalk along Harris Road
 - ii. Parents (who originally identified the need) provided letter of support for application

4. Other items of interest:

- a. Janet heading to [ACSM](#) annual meeting; unclear how much CDC representation
- b. Community member (Christoph Halverson) asks about where to donate bikes; figure out Duda referred him to last time) - Lake Wylie/River Hills Lions; Allison Creek Presbyterian Church





Upcoming Events/Meetings

- **Next RFATS Policy Committee meeting - Fri., May. 16 (noon)**
- **Next BPC meeting - Wed., Jun. 4 (9am) Zoom (will consider moving to Tuesdays)**