

9/3/2025 BPC Notes

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 9:00 AM

Meeting Purpose: September 2025 meeting of the Bike-Ped Coalition of York County to discuss ongoing initiatives and updates related to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and safety in York County, SC.

Attendees: Candice Barber, SC Works; Alex Boyce, City of Rock Hill Planning and Development; John Cardozo, SC Interscholastic Cycling League; Dr. David Keely, Tobacco-Free York County; Shekinah Miller, Impact York County, Atrium Health; Chris Stephens, York County Transportation Planning

Key Takeaways:

- Rails to Trails project progressing with positive title search results; next steps include expanding search and continuing engagement with Norfolk Southern
- SCDOT Modernization Subcommittee forming, will hold public input sessions including one in York County (date TBD)
- New implementation committee forming to advance Little Sugar Creek Greenway connection from NC to Fort Mill
- City of Rock Hill hosting Comprehensive Plan review meeting on Sept 9th with virtual and in-person options

Action Items:

1. Follow up w/ DOT on Harris Road sidewalk project initiation, Chris Stephens
2. Add Safe Routes links (state report map, defunding blog) to meeting notes, Dave Keely
3. Contact Heath Sessions re reinstating SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center, Dave Keely & Candice Barber
4. Contact title firm re cost for extended rail corridor title search, Bret Baronak
5. Create discount code for Coalition members for Carolina Thread Trail forum, Bret Baronak
6. Email Heath Sessions - daughter's bike commute story, Rawlinson bike infra needs, Candice Barber
7. Attach Data Walk 9-poster PDF to meeting notes, Dave Keely
8. Add Rock Hill Comp Plan Zoom link to meeting chat, Alex Boyce
9. Send Fathom AI notes + Data Walk charts PDF to participants, Dave Keely
10. Coalition members to complete RFATS Safe Streets survey and share widely
11. Interested parties to contact Bret Baronak re: Little Sugar Creek Greenway implementation committee
12. Attend City of Rock Hill Comprehensive Plan review meeting on Sept 9th

Next coalition meeting: Wed., October 1, 2025, at 9am

Discussion Highlights:

Safe Routes to School Initiatives

- Harris Road sidewalk project near Fort Mill High School awaiting DOT initiation and funding
- Advocacy efforts underway to reinstate SC Safe Routes to School Resource Center, defunded in 2019
- Coalition members encouraged to contact state reps Brandon Guffey and Heath Sessions to support

Rails to Trails Project Update

- Title search completed for section from hospital to York, confirming Norfolk Southern owns corridor outright
- Next steps: Expand title search further west, continue engagement with Norfolk Southern
- Conservation Fund assisting to demonstrate local commitment to Norfolk Southern
- Rail banking explained as potential interim recreational use option

Carolina Thread Trail Annual Forum

- 18th annual Trail Forum on December 4th
- Call for session proposals due September 8th
- Discounted admission available for coalition members

RFATS Citizen Survey

- New "Safe Streets and Roads for All" survey available at www.rfats.org/SafeStreets

- 3-5 minute survey to inform comprehensive safety action plan
- Coalition members encouraged to complete and share

State-Level Updates

- SCDOT Modernization Subcommittee formed, planning public input sessions including one in York County (date TBD)
- Palmetto Cycling Coalition representative to provide more details at October meeting

Little Sugar Creek Greenway Connection

- Implementation committee forming to advance connection from NC to Fort Mill
- Seeking community members and HOA reps to advocate for project

York County Data Walk Recap

- Focused on chronic disease/healthy lifestyles, injury prevention, behavioral health
- Data available on 9 target areas; coalition members can request PDF posters

Drone Delivery Developments

- Chick-fil-A testing food delivery by drone in local area
- Raises questions about regulations, public safety implications

City of Rock Hill Comprehensive Plan Review

- Public meeting on September 9th (virtual 12-1pm, in-person 3:30-6:30pm)
- Seeking input on land use, transportation, neighborhoods, and design