

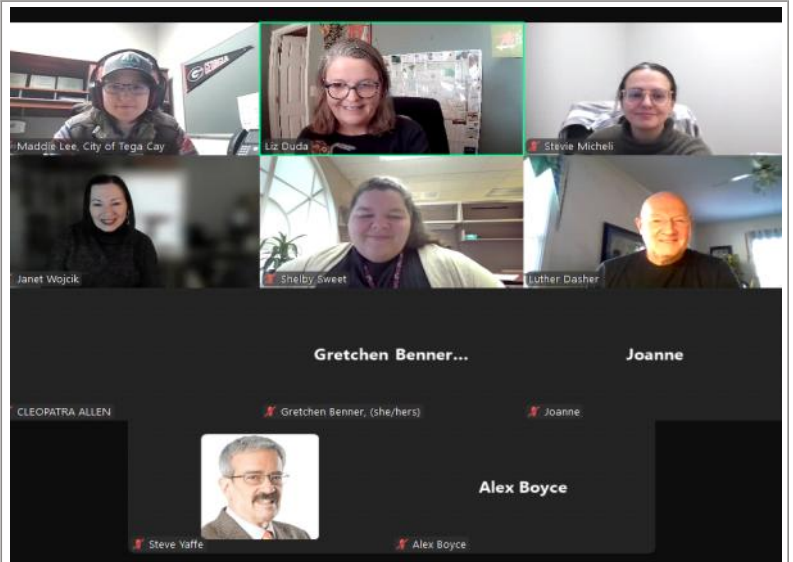
12/4/2024 Notes

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:00 AM

Bike/Ped Coalition of York County Meeting Notes for Wed. Dec. 4, 2024, Regular Meeting

Meeting Participants:

Cleopatra Allen, Rock Hill (RH) resident, [Rock Hill-Fort Mill-Area Transportation Study](#) (RFATS) [Citizen Advisory Committee](#) (CAC)
Gretchen Benner, Fort Mill (FM) resident, parent
Alex Boyce, City of RH, long-range planner
Joanne Burkett, [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#), interim executive director
Luther Dasher, FM resident, RFATS CAC
Liz Duda, Tega Cay (TC) resident
David Keely, RH resident, RFATS CAC, Tobacco-Free York County
Maddie Lee, City of TC, planner
Stevie Micheli, South Carolina (SC) Dept. of Public Health (DPH)
Shelby Sweet, City of RH, long-range planner
Janet Wojcik, Winthrop professor, [ACSM](#) [American Fitness Index](#)
Steve Yaffe, transit consultant



Meeting summary: Began with intros of York County residents and professionals from city and state government, agencies, university, nonprofits, business, and coalitions, most returning but at least one new participant. Palmetto Cycling Coalition shared about its educational webinar series, and plan to interview a BPC member; participants then brainstormed potential messaging for Duda to relay in her interview. Discussed importance of tracking and understanding local pedestrian/cyclist/scooter accidents as key input into planning and local initiatives, and potential resources. Shared status of local initiatives and highlighted upcoming events. Agreed on BPC 2025 scheduling, maintaining date/time (first Wed. at 9am) with two in-person. **Next BPC meeting** – Wed., **Jan. 8, 2025**, [Zoom link](#)

Followups:

1. All - Look for pedestrian/cyclist/scooter accident tracking sources.
2. Duda - Follow up with SCDOT on FMHS walkability study action planning.
3. Duda - Work with Ben Ullman to get website back up and Amy Boulris to publish her blog.
4. All - Watch for Palmetto Cycling Coalition [Livable Streets Academy webinar](#) featuring Liz Duda!
5. All - Attend Carolina Thread Trail annual trail forum on 12/5/2024.
6. Any - contact Rock Hill planner, [Amy Jo Denton](#), to be part of master plan public health focus group on 12/12/2024.
7. Duda - check with Tom Bell on March & September BPC meeting location.

Discussion highlights:

1. **Palmetto Cycling Coalition [Livable Streets Academy webinars](#):** Will post 6-8 videos to encourage and train local advocates and planners about work being done around SC. Two posted so far. Will interview Liz Duda

after today's meeting.

2. Brainstormed messaging/call to actions for Duda to relay in interview:
 - More leaders to walk the path of current FMHS Students on Harris
 - Advocate for the safety of your children and other pedestrians
 - Citizen-led petition to leaders, polling students who would like safer route
3. York County pedestrian/cyclist/scooter accident tracking - info would be useful in planning / initiatives
 - <https://www.scdot.org/projects/bikeped-safety.html>
 - https://scdps.sc.gov/ohsjp/stat_services
4. **Tracking Local Initiatives**
 - a. **2024 York County Community Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment** for York County residents to inform York County Parks & Rec Strategic Plan, 15-20-minute [Parks & Rec survey](#)
 - b. **RFATS Long-Range Transportation Plan & Regional Bike/Ped Plan** - no known recent [RFATS](#) updates
 - c. **Carolina Thread Trail State Line to Fort Mill Feasibility Study** - final steering committee meeting will be in January 2025 to review the draft study, project cut sheets, implementation and action plan, and maintenance and program recommendations.
 - d. **Fort Mill High School Walkability Study** - SCDOT planned to design an action plan in September but Duda has not heard an update
 - e. **Catawba Ridge High / Forest Creek Middle / River Trail Elementary sidewalk**: Parent continues to advocate for a continuous sidewalk for kids to be able to walk from new FM neighborhoods to new FM School District (FMSD) schools. Will publish a [BPC website blog](#) to share status and needs.
 - f. **New construction of the new FMSD schools** (off of Gold Hill Road between Springfield Parkway and Hwy 21) - York County's Chris Stephens shared with Duda that "school is required to provide a sidewalk along the frontage of Gold Hill Road. The sidewalk is shown on the approved civil plans. The majority of the sidewalk will not be right at the right of way (ROW)."
5. **Upcoming Events**
 - **Carolina Thread Trail's 17th Annual Trail Forum**, Thur., 12/5/2024, at the Charles Mack Citizen Center in Mooresville, NC.
 - **City of Rock Hill, Public Health Focus Group Meeting**, Comprehensive Plan 5-yr Review, 12/12/2024, Zoom (contact: Amy Jo Denton)
 - **Tega Cay Elementary School's Monthly [Family Friday Walk/Bike to School Day](#)**, Fri., 12/6/2024
6. **2025 BPC Schedule**
 - a. Continue to meet the first Wednesdays of the month at 9am - with two in-person meetings (March and September) but otherwise via Zoom
 - b. Wed., Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5 (in person), Apr. 2, May 7, Jun. 4, Jul. 2 (cancel?), Aug. 6, Sep. 3 (in person), Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3 @9am
 - c. [Zoom link](#)