

# 5/1/2024 BPC Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:00 AM

**Attendees:** Liz Duda, Tega Cay Healthy Kids; Cleopatra Allen, RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC); Candice Barber, DSS Workforce Consultant; Joanne Burkett, Palmetto Cycling Coalition (PCC); Lauren Childers, Town of Fort Mill Planner; Penelope Karagounis, Town of Fort Mill Planner; Dr. David Keely, Wholespire York County, Tobacco Free York County, RFATS CAC; Steve Yaffe, transit consultant

**Next BPC monthly meeting:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 (date change)

## Followups:

1. Circulate the Carolina Thread Trail Fort Mill Feasibility Study survey to networks
2. Write FMHS Walkability Study blog for website
3. Write FMHS Walkability Study writeup for Tega Cay Sun
4. Find new BPC chair or co-chair or meeting rotation strategy

## Discussion Highlights

- Rock Hill PRT [will host the UCI BMX Racing World Championship](#), May 12-18, at Rock Hill BMX Supercross Track in Riverwalk, with 3,500 riders and 45+ countries represented; dozens of area local riders will participate; May 10, 6pm, Opening Festival at Fountain Park in downtown Rock Hill; Buy tickets at [2024BMXWorlds.com](#); Sign up to [volunteer](#) at [2024BMXWorlds.com/Volunteer](#) (Duda shared for Tom Bell)
- Carolina Thread Trail State Line to Fort Mill Feasibility Study (Penelope Karagounis)
  - Building on past planning efforts, Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) and municipal funding partners (York County, Lancaster County and Town of Fort Mill) contracted McAdams to study routing alternatives for greenways/sidepaths to connect existing and proposed trails that end in Mecklenburg County at the NC/SC state line to Anne Springs Close Greenway and Route 160 in the Town of Fort Mill. Along Sugar Creek to see if it is extendable to SC. Regional trail system cross state line.
  - CTT is taking the lead for the feasibility study. Study goals: connectivity, accessibility, safety, and environmental protection
  - Expect a citizen survey and public meeting.
  - **\*BPC is asked to communicate for people to take this survey.**
  - Steering Committee/Working Group Meeting #1: Monday May 13, 11:30am-1:30pm, Microsoft Teams. Meeting plan:
    - Review project schedule with key milestones
    - Review and discussion of the proposed community and stakeholder engagement plan
    - Visioning exercise to define what success looks like for the project
    - Review and discuss preliminary study corridors / existing conditions
    - Mapping exercise to identify key challenges and opportunities
- Workforce Development - Transportation is a barrier to employment; try to use RH Transit System; also offer a \$150 transportation credit which could be applied to Uber account; no one has mentioned bike use; people with disabilities have barriers to transportation
- FMHS Walkability Study (BPC/SC DHEC/Wholespire York County): Report and Powerpoint
  - Stakeholder presentations:
    - RFATS - That group of policymakers wants to know how can they help. Assume they read the document.
    - FMHS SIC discussed it; haven't heard feedback/questions
    - FMSD board - administrators will present
    - Town of FM council - city manager and mayor need to put it on agenda
    - YC council - Tom Audette supports; next step is email clerk to get presentation on agenda; then council could refer it to a committee
  - Writeup opportunities:

- Blog for BPC website
  - Tega Cay Sun offered to publish
- Funding: State folds funding into TAP program which has a good website and can be used for school-related projects.
- Suggested strategy
  - Take 2-3 items to focus on for next 6 months
    - Low-hanging fruit - signage; school zones - for SCDOT
    - Safe routes to school - SCDOT
    - Pedestrian refuge islands - SCDOT
  - Take results and moving forward
  - Others will take awhile given new bike/ped plan. FM knows that Harris Road/Street is a priority for a sidepath in the town limits. Sutton Mill subdivision needs to go to YC.
- Advocacy opportunity: SC Safe Routes to School
  - PK suggests that this group advocate for SC Safe Routes to School with SCDOT. SCDOT has adopted Complete Streets so maybe they see correlation with bringing back SRTS.
  - SC is again #1 in traffic fatalities.
  - Ask David Hooper for an intro to SC DOT commissioner, Mr. Jean Branham, who comes to RFATS meetings. Also ask for support from House members including Heath Sessions.
  - Palmetto Cycling Coalition can support this at statewide level.
  - Local government /elected officials - resolution to reinstate SRTS? Contact clerk.
- RFATS suggested that all jurisdictions should require partnership between approving jurisdiction and developer with the collector road plan put on developer to include reasonable bike/ped improvements
- Will redo the collector plan study in the next year. The public will be able to voice where they want safe bike/ped routes and collector roads. Will need to update bike/ped plan and collector study.
- 2016 FM adopted it as an addendum in the comprehensive plan; 2017 RFATS bike/ped plan Town of FM in comprehensive plan
- Amend each jurisdiction's zoning regulation (and build awareness in meantime). The county is challenged to adopt regulations because they have rural vs urban differences. Why did YC not adopt 2017 bike/ped plan?

### Upcoming Events

- RHSD Welcoming Wellness event, for mental health, Cherry Park, 8:30-noon
- [CRTC](#) Coalition will host a [Bike & Walk with Charlotte Regional Transportation Coalition](#) advocacy workshop focused on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Kilborne Park on May 18, 10am-noon.
- SC Works and NC Works will have a job fair on May 7 at Carowinds with over 50 employers
- Leadership York County will host a 5K to appreciate First Responders, 7:30am, \$35, May 11
- Town of Fort Mill first farmers market of the season, May 11, 9am-noon
- FoodShare will give out 500 boxes at Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center, tomorrow, May 2, 4pm
- Clothing and shoe giveaway, Crossroad Baptist Church; looking for vendors, May 18, 10am-2pm,
- [Catawba Ridge Riders](#) pre-season free, family fun rides (contact: John Cardozo)
  - mountain biking club for 6th-12th graders
  - Sat., May 11, 2024, 9:30-11:30 am, Rock Hill Velodrome, 1000 Riverwalk Parkway
  - Sat., May 18, 2024, 9:30-11:30am, Anne Springs Adventure Road, Fort Mill
- BPC planning/leadership: Chair; Co-chair; Host every other BPC meeting?

### Items of Interest:

- BPC blog: <https://bpcyc.org/blog/our-schools-need-safer-pathways/>
- April 10 BPC meeting notes (need link)
- Palmetto Cycling Coalition [April 2024 Newsletter](#) announcing staff changes
- 2024 [Bicycle Friendly Community applications](#) due by June 25, 2024
- 2024 [Bicycle Friendly University applications](#) due by August 8, 2024