

Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting - Wed., February 2, 2022, 9am - Zoom

Next BPC meeting – Wed., March 2, 2022, noon, with guest speaker

Meeting participants: Liz Duda, Co-chair (Wholespire York County (YC), Tega Cay (TC) Healthy Kids); Ben Ullman, Co-chair (TC Forever); Steve Yaffe (Yaffe Mobility); Alex Boyce (Rock Hill Planning); Miguel Rullan (Rock Hill Neighborhood Services); Chris Leonard (Tega Cay Commission Planning); Janet Wojcik (Winthrop; Wholespire YC); Tom Bell (Rock Hill Parks, Recreation, & Tourism)

Meeting summary: Participants shared items of interest to the group, including groups they are in and initiatives they are working on. People shared ideas and offered support. Strategy discussion followup resulted in revised verbiage for mission, vision, goals.

Followups

1. Write up strategy items, as selected/revised by group; distribute to membership for input — Duda
2. Publish mailing list signup form — Ullman
3. Invite guest speaker – Yaffe/Ullman/Duda
4. Determine what we want to do for May, National Bike Month - All

Items of Interest to the Group

1. Steve Yaffe —
 - Reached out to state senator Michael Johnson, who supports the hands-free bill (and the jacking-up-the-front-of-the-car?? bill) but expects it to encounter resistance in session. Palmetto Cycling Coalition (PCC) is also promoting the bill.
 - He heard from PCC's Amy Johnson Ely that there may not be a firm rule about the 2.5' of shoulder to the right of the travel lane. Does SCDOT have a policy on this, which would show commitment to bike safety?
 - He has shared some posters from the TRB conference via email. He noticed more posters on the topic of bike/ped than transportation demand this year.
 - GPFB - General Bike Feed Specification. Data specs related to usage, transit, biking other travel, to help forecast demand.
2. Ben Ullman — Updated website: fixing/replacing broken links, removed old meeting series from events listing (will replace with new series for 2022), added link to mailing list signup form to home page.
3. Tom Bell — RHPRT staff turnover impacting his schedule & ability to attend BPC meetings. Would like to plan some cycling events for 2022, including something during May (National Bike Month).
4. Miguel Rullan — Taking on a new Economic & Urban Development role for Rock Hill. He has many children's bike helmets that could be donated, perhaps to RHPRT for their programs.
5. Liz Duda —
 - Tega Cay Police Department is partnering with Walmart to hold a bike rodeo, and she offered for Tega Cay Healthy Kids to support it (since we held one in 2019). The TCPD aims for it to be held in May (National Bike Month) and hopefully May 13 which is when Tega Cay Elementary will celebrate National Bike to School Day (promoted by the National Center for Safe Routes to School) in conjunction with Coffee with a Cop.
 - Liz is currently in the Leadership Charlotte program, the Catawba Wateree Water Management Group's Citizen Water Academy, and Local-Motive seminars from Strong Towns.
 - Dr. David Keely presented at York County's Health and Environmental Committee about public health, mentioning the importance of safe, accessible bike/ped environments. Councilmember Tom Audette, committee chair, cited the RFATS \$10MM allocation for

bike/ped projects to show that the region is prioritizing bike/ped, implying he is a bike/ped ally.

6. Janet Wojcik — Recently presented to a group affiliated with College of Charleston about active transportation and bike trails.
7. Chris Leonard —
 - The new Windell property development (between Dam and Gardendale Roads) will knock 4-5 items off the Tega Cay Bike/Ped Plan, including the trails to schools, and connections between neighborhoods (Cadence; Windell; Lake Ridge), and a sidewalk along Dam Road. Sidewalks will connect all the way from Walmart to Catawba Park.
 - A revised RFP is out for bid on the Beach Club-to-Stonecrest path. Bids on the original RFP were over budget. New RFP calls for a narrower (8' vs original 10') path. Duke Energy's guidelines limit paths to 8' wide in their right-of-way, so the City of Tega Cay may standardize new trails to match this width.

Strategy Discussion

1. The group discussed possible areas of focus for 2022. Ideas:
 - a) Promote York County initiatives, including
 - a) comprehensive plan update (what is their public outreach plan?)
 - b) staff needs for bike routes and signage
 - c) Health and Environmental Committee
 - b) More CMAQ money can be expected as a result of the federal infrastructure act
 - c) National Bike Month initiatives
2. Suggested guest speakers:
 - a) Safe Kids SC (DHEC is the state lead, Kevin Poore is potential contact) on bike/ped safety, and their big helmet program
 - b) SCDOT engineer on road shoulder standards;
 - c) Ivonne Hernandez, who was planning to present on air quality in November.
3. Chris Leonard proposed identifying a primary BPC liaison from each related agency
4. Let's promote our mailing list on Facebook (thank you, Steve)
5. The group reviewed and revised Vision, Strategy, and Goals statements. Agreed on wording to put forward to membership for feedback.