

**Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting - Wed., April 6, 2021, 9am - Zoom**

*Next BPC meeting – Wed., May 4, 2022, 9am; in person*

**Participants:** Alex Boyce, City of Rock Hill; Liz Duda (co-chair), Tega Cay Healthy Kids; Chris Herrmann, RFATS; Candra Riley, SC DHEC; Ben Ullman (co-chair), Tega Cay Trails; Steve Yaffe, transit consultant

**Meeting Summary:** Roundtable covered funding opportunities and a BPC letter of support for TAP funding for Rock Hill; planning updates and needs; upcoming webinars; advocacy opportunities; the community health improvement plans; and a BPC Survey to Update our Mission, Vision, Values Wording to follow up on Jan/Feb discussion to reflect benefits to other rollers besides bicyclists including wheelchairs, strollers, skaters, and scooters.

**Notes**

1. Welcome - Happy [National Walking Day!](#)
2. BPC Letters of Support Requested for RFATS 2022-2023 [TAP funding](#) applications in Rock Hill
  - a) Eden Terrace – residents cannot currently access Miracle Park unless cross the road – prefer to cross at four-way stop sign; to compete 320 feet; SCDOT hopes to remove existing crosswalk and put in new one. In Connect Rock Hill Bike/Ped Master Plan.
  - b) University Center sharrows from White Street to Columbia Avenue by Slow Play Brewing – completing the cycle of sharrows, attached to a few segments of MyRide service routes
  - c) White Street ped improvement project which has been delayed, most recently due to area construction. Widening the sidewalks narrows the street crossing. Continues the sharrows form another project. Nearby churches and daycares will benefit. In RFATS bike/ped plan.
  - d) Sharrows are painted road markings with signage to remind cars to share the road with bicycles, better for lower-speed, lower-volume areas, downtown areas, and around campus.
3. Roundtable – What are you working on of interest to BPC members?
  - a) Yaffe signed up for lobbying day of Scott/Graham/Norman with PCC/SCLCA last week. But projects were not in national budgets so harder to push for. Thanked Graham for supporting the infrastructure bill. Norman generally says new programs must find the money elsewhere. We need to pressure SCDOT to put in the shoulder to the white of the right edge line, especially when they have the land.
  - b) Herrmann joined the SCDOT Complete Streets Policy Council on behalf of the City of Rock Hill. They have asked COGs and MPOs to share bike/ped master plans. They will help develop them for communities that don't have them. When they repave Dave Lyle from to Galleria Mall, they were fast to contact the city.
  - c) Hooper previously mentioned the need to update the RFATS plan.
  - d) Herrmann notes that RFATS approved the guideshare-funded projects. This includes the New Grey Rock Road in Tega Cay to connect Baxter Village to Catawba Park; shared use path connecting downtown FM to US 21 bridge near River Walk; and Rock Hill's Dave Lyle Blvd trail for 3.5 miles from Civitas statues past Manchester/Galleria to end of Dave Lyle at Apex Drive with a 10-foot shared-use path (bicyclists and pedestrians) on one side of the roadway – will be tricky to find best path across Anderson Road interchange. If within SCDOT right of way, SCDOT will maintain; otherwise, municipality maintains. (Right of way depends on the roadway – 30-65 feet from center line.)
  - a) Duda - [“Connecting Communities and Schools Part II: York County Takes Action”](#) webinar with example given of BPC advocacy work, Wednesday, April 27, 3:30pm - [Register here.](#)
  - b) Riley/Duda – Live Healthy York County Data Walk, the 60 participants voted on the 8 data sets and identified the top three health priorities on which to create a county-wide

community health improvement plan: behavioral health; healthy eating, active living; injury. Workgroups are forming. Email [rileyce@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:rileyce@dhec.sc.gov) to join a workgroup.

- Active living and injury will be of particular interest to BPC. Injury includes motor vehicle deaths, as well as accidental poisonings and substance abuse (especially related to opioids). Steve joined injury; Liz HEAL.
4. Strategy Discussion **BPC Survey to Update our Mission, Vision, Values Wording** - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVWVHSD> - In our January and February 2022 strategy discussions, BPC members noted that, besides helping bicyclists and pedestrians, we try to benefit people rolling in wheelchairs and strollers, and on skateboards, inline skates and scooters. To clearly reflect this inclusivity, we propose wording changes to our mission, vision, strategy, and goals. What do you think? – Two weeks for feedback.
    - a) Ben will check with Tom Bell
  5. Future guest speakers – SCDOT – Complete Streets – Chris Herrmann will follow up.
  6. Alex notes that the city does not have any long-range planning updates.

#### **Items of Interest**

- BPC March guest speaker – Read a recap in this BPC blog, [Air Awareness Coordinator Enlightens BPC Members at March Meeting](#).
- The Palmetto Cycling Coalition and SC Livable Communities Alliance November 2021 newsletter is published and offers consultation on how to work with MPO to get 4” shoulders to the right of rumble strips in our area.
- Bike/Ped Coalition of York County [LinkedIn group](#)
- [Bike/Ped Coalition of York County](#) website
- Safe Routes Partnership [webinars](#)
- American Trail [webinars](#)

#### **About the Bike/Ped Coalition of York County:**

- **Vision** – An engaged York County where bicycling and walking are safe, accessible and preferred forms of transportation and recreation
- **Mission** – To support York County and its communities becoming more bicycle and pedestrian friendly
- **Purpose** – Educate, advocate, and promote the health, economic, environmental and social benefits of bicycling and walking.
- **Website:** <https://bpcyc.org/>
- **Facebook page** (@BPCYC): <https://www.facebook.com/BPCYC/>
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