

5/6/2026 BPC Meeting Notes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 9:00 AM

Meeting Summary: With attendees from local nonprofits, coalitions, and engaged residents, heard Carolina Thread Trail updates, information gathering about potential Bike Fixit Stations, and public/road transportation updates.

Attendees:

Brett Baronak, Carolina Thread Trail (CTT)

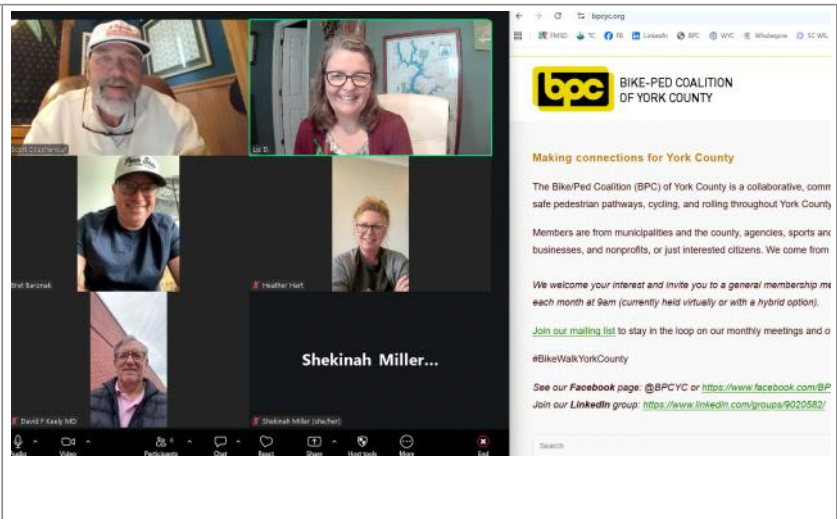
Scott Couchenour, FM resident, YC Council District 7 candidate

Liz Duda, TC resident

Heather Hart, Mason's Bend FM resident, statehouse District 66 candidate

Dr. David Keely, retired from family medicine, Tobacco Free York County

Shekinah Miller, Impact York County, Atrium



Upcoming items of interest

- Next Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) York County meeting: May 12 at 11am
- Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for York County in partnership with SC

Action Items

- Safe Routes to School
- Promote Jack White Trail
- Baronak to seek feedback on Mecklenburg County Fixit stations to share with Couchenour
- Liz contact Luther, Dr. Dave and Cleopatra about transportation - bus cancellations & toll roads
- Dr. Keely was to discuss Hunter Street Elementary with Steven Allen, Catawba COG

Agenda

- FixIt Bikes
- SS4A
- 82x bus cancellation
- Susan Britt celebration

Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Updates (Baronak)

- CTT operates in 15 counties including 4 in SC and 11 in NC
- project update: gave grant funding to City of Rock Hill to help with design; the **Jack White Trail** alongside Northside Recreation Center (greenway along Dave Lyle) is near completion; will complete little pieces at a time
- In RH aim is to promote the trail connection between Manchester and Northside Rec Center better - Manchester Greenway or Tech Park Greenway; used a lot in Manchester but less toward town
- Updating the trail master plans throughout the counties; steering committees for each region; the southern (SC) counties group of 25-30 people met on Friday; all counties were well represented

including by Katherine Jones, AmyJo Denton, Penelope Karagounis, Luther Dasher

- Connecting Little Sugar Creek Greenway and from Mecklenburg County to FM; have RFATS money to help with design work to look at greenway opportunities to connect with private developments; pulling together implementation committee to advocate for additional trail connections from state lines down; responding to last year's feasibility study
- Strawberry 5K Walk & Stroll in FM - CTT is grateful to have been the beneficiary; CTT staff member placed second
- Paved greenway at Catawba Bend Preserve - 5-mile paved greenway
- Baxter to subdivision? It is a stone's throw between but the property owners refuse a trail easement between their properties; they hunt on their property.

FixIt stations (Couchenour)

- Isle of Palms has implemented FixIt bike repair stations; also at Adventure Center to ASCG; and several along Little Sugar Creek Greenway; Built heavy duty to be able to withstand the elements
- Spoke at town council; may present a program to municipalities and the county
- Perhaps H tax town money
- What locations? Brainstormed: pocket parks - The Orchards has pocket parks (some folks are in the bike club); Massey; Waterside; baseball fields at Doby's Bridge Park; downtown FM; next to the walking park on the town's property; Wing King; new Elizabeth neighborhood which will have several trails; around schools maybe - work with the school system?
 - confirm that the public will have access in those that are private communities and that HOAs approve
 - BPC supports this
 - Bret will get feedback from Mecklenburg County on installing these stations

Public / road transportation updates

- CATS commuter express 82-X bus (Rock Hill - Baxter - Carowinds - Charlotte) is getting cancelled
- Toll road to be installed on I-77 to the SC state line by a monopoly provider; rates set have little to no oversight and is a high rates schedule and can get expensive; at the RFATS meeting, the CEO of Six Flags was shocked by rates - \$66 between VA and here; \$91 to Lake Norman; bill by mail is 30% higher; in Chicago money went back into the system
- Cleopatra Allen is a good voice for marginalized communities - inequity related to toll lane access "The Lexus Lanes"