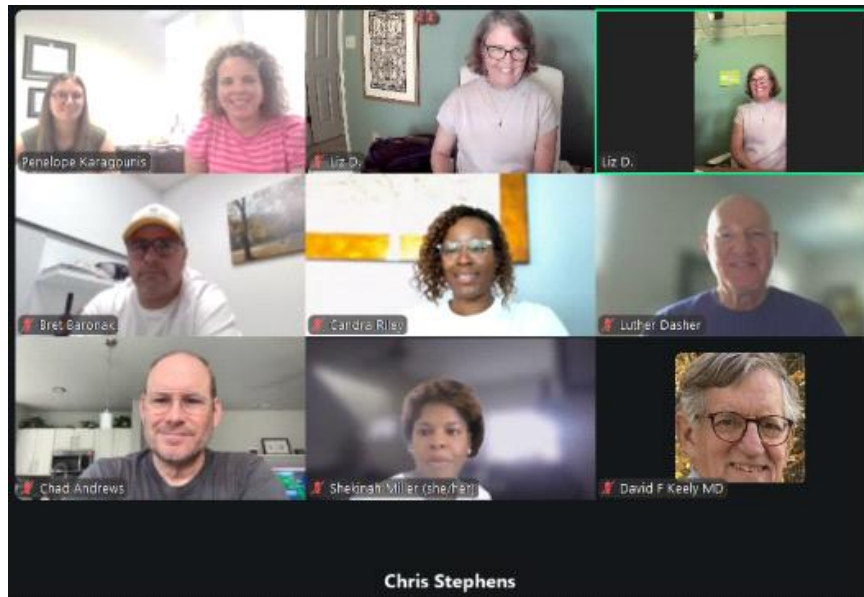


7/1/2026 BPC meeting notes

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 9:00 AM

Attendees:

- **Chad Andrews**, coaching/consulting for health and wellness around pro cycling
- **Mia Pulczynski**, Town of Fort Mill, planning
- **Bret Baronak**, Carolina Thread Trail
- **Luther Dasher**, resident, advocacy
- **Liz Duda**, resident, Tega Cay Healthy Kids
- **Penelope Karagounis**, Town of Fort Mill, planning
- **Dr. Dave Keely**, Tobacco-Free York County
- **Shekinah Miller**, Impact York County, Atrium Health
- **Candra Riley**, SC Department of Public Health
- **Chris Stephens**, York County, transportation planning



Meeting Summary: Brief intro of attendees from the state, county, municipalities, coalitions, nonprofits, and residents, including welcoming a new Fort Mill planning team member. Discussed BPC outreach, advocacy, educational, and volunteer opportunities, including e-bike safety across York County; a Bike & Scooter Safety Rodeo in Tega Cay; a walkability study in Rock Hill; Impact York County's community health improvement plan (CHIP); support for public transit given suspension of bus lines in Rock Hill and to Charlotte; Dasher's A Ride to End ALZ across SC. Carolina Thread Trail rep offered a rail trail update at the next meeting.

Followups

- August BPC discussion topic: Rail trails (Bret Baronak)
- Liz share TCPD podcast on ebikes and bike and scooter safety with FM and all
- Liz forward BPC meeting invitation to new Fort Mill planner

Opportunities

- Dr. Dave could contact the government affairs task force for YC regional chamber - maybe a letter delineating the issue
- Consider if BPC should coordinate an e-bike safety educational campaign across York County
- Stay apprised of potential walkability study with SC DPH in Rock Hill southside

Upcoming events

- Bike & Scooter Safety Rodeo at TCES, Sunday, August 9, 2-4 - We need volunteers for ABC bike station - Luther and Bret have pencilled it in
- Luther Dasher's Alzheimers ride, A Ride to End ALZ, in two weekends (see description in 6/28 invite)
- HEAL second Tuesday at 11am - Will discuss CHIP and strategies
- Tega Cay Healthy Kids Bike the 4th of July Parade (see flyer in 6/28 invite)
- Next RFATS Policy Committee meeting: Sept. 25

Public transit

- Discussion of cancelled public Rock Hill buses
 - Gastonia microtransit is a model - <https://www.gastonianc.gov/gogastonia>
- Discussion of cancelled 82X commuter express bus
 - Hopefully behind the scenes conversations are happening

Impact York County community health improvement plan - including healthy eating/active living (chronic disease and HEAL)

- Discussion of goals related to bike/ped
- e.g., miles of bike lanes; protected bike lanes
- Bike goals, e.g., how to increase biking in YC (now is less than 3% of YC adults use leisure time for physical activity so biking could increase that)
- Policies
- Walkability studies
- Historical data

Walkability study

- Susan Collier of SC DPH (a founding member of BPC) wants to do walkability on the south side of Rock Hill
- Candra discussed the benefits and process
- In Europe, pedestrians have amazing right of way

E-bike safety and needs

- Proposed Fort Mill E-Bike Ordinance is an administration ordinance with the police department - on Town Council agenda on the 13th- addressing concerns from ebikes and people driving greater than the speed limit, becoming a nuisance; a lot of safety concerns in Waterside
- Need for education
- Need for true bike lanes
- Are there educational materials from other parts of country
- **Should we do an education communication campaign**
- The League of American Bicyclists has curriculum and materials
- Does drivers education curriculum talk about how car drivers should interact with bicycles
- Could the bike/ped coalition explain the rules of riding the bikes; unsupervised children

Educational outreach opportunities

- Does drivers education curriculum talk about how car drivers should interact with bicycles

Potential volunteers

- Tom Bell is building trails at Riverwalk now and works with RH PRT
- Mrs. Bell is an educator

Rail trail

- Connection to Little Sugar Creek Greenway

Shared Links

- [State Health Improvement Plan | Live Healthy South Carolina](#)
- <https://www.impactyorkcounty.org/health-and-wellness-resources>
- <https://newsroom.acg.aaa.com/mich-aaa-launches-e-ride-ready-campaign-to-prevent-e-bike-and-e-scooter-injuries>