Oct. 7 2026 BPC Notes

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 9:51 AM

10/7/2026 BPC Meeting Attendees: **Candice Barber**, SC Dept. of Social Services; **Dr. Dave Keely**, retired family physician & RFATS Citizen Advisory Council & Tobacco-Free York County; **Shekinah Miller**, Atrium & Impact York County; **Erin Pratt**, Town of Fort Mill; **Mia Pulczinski**, Town of Fort Mill; **Candra Riley**, SC Dept. of Health Services; **Janet Wojcik**, Winthrop & American College of Sports Medicine

Action Items:
Policy recommendation: Create a consistent, countywide e-bike safety and education framework that supports all municipalities, reduces confusion, and improves safety for riders and pedestrians.

1. Email e-bike policy summary document to all BPC meeting participants. - Candice Barber
2. Confirm SC law re: bikes not stopping at stop signs. - Erin Pratt
3. Email to Candice Fort Mill PD contacts. - Erin Pratt
4. Email e-bike policy/summary to Erin's Fort Mill PD contacts. - Candice Barber
5. Coordinate with Candice - Erin Pratt
6. Investigate feasibility of getting e-bike injury data from local hospital ERs - Dave Keely

Additional followups:

1. Consider submitting written testimony to the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children (public hearing Oct. 7) . - All
2. Check w/ Penelope re: Harris Rd under I-77 improvements. - Mia Pulczinski
3. Research Rock Hill Bicycle Club representation at BPC meetings - David F. Keely
4. Email meeting notes to Mia for Penelope - David F. Keely
5. Attend the next meeting on Wed, Nov 4, 9am, using Liz's regular Zoom link (Dartmouth). - All

Meeting Purpose: Align on e-bike safety and share updates on local bike-ped initiatives.

Key Takeaways

- **E-Bike Safety:** A county-wide education campaign would help address parent confusion over e-bike classes (1, 2, 3), which contributes to youth operating high-speed bikes unsafely.
- **City of York Connectivity:** Advocacy is focused on funding & installing a 200-foot sidewalk on Hunter St to connect three new neighborhoods to Hunter St Elementary.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** Coalition members will testify tonight before the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, advocating for community wellness and youth health.
- **Fort Mill Projects:** Pennies for Progress is funding major projects, including widening Sutton Rd (with bike lanes/sidewalks) and Fort Mill Pkwy (with a bike-ped tunnel), to improve school and park access.

Discussion Highlights

e-Bike Safety & Education

- **Problem:** Youth operate high-speed bikes unsafely.
- **Factors**: Varying municipal policies. Parent confusion over e-bike classes (1, 2, 3).
- **Municipal Approaches:**
    - **Rock Hill:** Focuses on trail etiquette and speed management on the Riverwalk. Enforcement is education-first, with citations rare.
    - **Fort Mill:** Police are addressing neighborhood complaints about youth riders. The town is planning a general "bike safety" campaign to reach all riders.
    - **Tega Cay:** Focuses on neighborhood safety and youth behavior, working directly with parents and kids.

- **BPC-Proposed County-Wide Framework:**
    - BPC is volunteering to support the identified need of greater e-bike safety in York County. Ideas include:
    - **Unified Messaging:** A county-wide campaign to clarify e-bike classes, riding rules, and trail etiquette.
    - **Standardized Signage:** Consistent signs for trail etiquette and speed limits (e.g., 15 mph in neighborhoods).
    - **Shared Data:** Track near-misses, crashes, and complaints to inform policy.
    - **Data Request:** Investigate if local hospital ERs track e-bike-related injuries.

E-Bike Classes Graphic - thank you, Candice Barber!

Class	Description	Maximum Assisted Speed
Class 1	Pedal-assist only. Motor provides assistance only while pedaling.	20 mph
Class 2	Throttle-assisted. Can move without pedaling.	20 mph
Class 3	Pedal-assist only with higher assisted speed capability.	28 mph

Quick Reference for Briefing

Type	Typical Class	Speed
Commuter	1, 2, 3	20-28 mph
Mountain (eMTB)	1	20 mph
Cargo	1, 2	20 mph
Folding	2	20 mph
Cruiser	1, 2	20 mph
Fat-Tire	2, 3	20-28 mph
Moped-Style	2, 3*	20-28+ mph

Local Bike-Ped Initiatives

- **Fort Mill:**
    - **Sutton Rd:** Pennies for Progress (Pennies 5) project to widen the road, add bike lanes/sidewalks, and install a traffic signal at Harris Rd.
    - **Fort Mill Pkwy:** Pennies for Progress project to widen the road and construct a bike-ped tunnel connecting residential phases to a park. Bidding is set for late 2026.
    - **Catawba Ridge Area:** Pennies for Progress project to widen the road, add bike lanes/sidewalks, and fill gaps around Catawba Ridge and River Trail Elementary schools.
- **City of York:**
    - The City of York's planning department is developing a bike-ped plan.
    - The BPC is advocating for a 200-foot sidewalk to connect three new neighborhoods to Hunter Street Elementary.
        - RFATS funding could only be provided if the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) expands its footprint to include York, which is periodically discussed at RFATS Policy Committee meetings.
        - Catawba COG funding opportunities.
- **Advocacy & Collaboration Opportunities:**
    - **Rock Hill Bicycle Club:** We welcome consistent representation at BPC meetings to support education efforts.
    - **American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM):** A proposal is being developed for the June 2027 conference in Indianapolis to highlight the Indy Cultural Trail as a public-private partnership model.