

# Bike/Ped Task Force Minutes 11.15.2018

## Introductions & Administrative Details

Barb Mee  
Terri March  
Janet Barlow  
Randy Warren  
Tristan Winkler  
Claudia Nix  
Others?

-Agenda OK

### Coxe Avenue

-Claudia updated the group about the Coxe Avenue project. Some businesses were not pleased with the project and needed more discussion. The website has been updated to include the drone footage of the mural. Tristan pointed out issues with the downhill protected bike lane but clarified that the temporary project is good, just needs changes. Barb discussed the traffic calming workshop yesterday- several concerns about the Coxe Avenue project from engineers. Police/Fire have had no problems with the project so far.

### Sweeten Creek Road

-Randy voiced concerns about the turn movements on Mills Gap Road, project doesn't help bike/ped traffic reach downtown. Tristan replied the project implements the cross-section passed by the city, showed bike/ped infrastructure under the BRP bridge. Claudia and Janet noted that Biltmore Village is a major issue for congestion and pedestrian traffic. Tristan agreed but said that is outside of the project's scope. Another project on Sweeten Creek between I-40 and London Road has been proposed but lacks funding.

### Police/Fire Updates

-request for a support letter for the pedestrian decoy program if the police department decides to re-pursue the program. The DA and Traffic Tsar of North Carolina are on-board with the program. Janet requested bullet points in February to help with the letter.

-State legislation is also being introduced for hands-free drivers in North Carolina. Sen. Van Duyn sounds optimistic. Terri mentioned this would also help with the Vision Zero Task Force initiative.

-Fire Dept. recently completed the firefighters on bikes pilot program. Tried to have two teams- one group starting at 2 PM, one starting at 4 PM- going into the evening. Some places in downtown and south slope are quicker to get to by bike.

### Walk-Friendly Award

-Janet wants to organize a presentation to City Council. Barb asked if December or January would be preferred. Barb said January would coincide with the contract for the Pedestrian/ADA/Greenway plan. Barb will get back to Janet to confirm. Janet will not be available in February.

#### Website

-Scott posted video and pictures from the drone coverage of Coxe Avenue. Several meeting minutes are missing- only two meeting minutes from the past year are available and on the website.

#### Multimodal Commission

-Randy informed the group about the new City Traffic Engineer. Janet suggested that the new engineer, Andrew, and Jessica come to one of the Bike/Ped meetings.

-Vaidila did a presentation on the Urban Centers from the Comprehensive Plan- an effort to increase density in a pedestrian-friendly way in areas around the City. A discussion regarding urban centers ensued.

-Terri informed the group about the Haywood Streetscape project- downtown will have lots of work done in the near future. There will be a phasing plan and public input involved. Construction will start around April and will take about a year.

-Randy mentioned that Council passed the Charlotte Street project contract

-MMTC will have an update on e-scooters and Charlotte Street at its next meeting.

#### Barb Updates

-The Bike Share Study is becoming the Bike Share/Scooter study.

-Replacement of the sidewalk on Vermont Avenue is being looked at

-Resurfacing State Street may get some pedestrian improvements

-New sidewalk on Overlook Road

-The group discussed a representative from the bike/ped task force to the vision zero task force. No volunteers as of yet. Randy may be interested. No information on the frequency of the group meeting.

-Carolina Thread Trail Conference is in Mooresville and coming up soon (December 3<sup>rd</sup>?)

-The "GAP" plan RFQ is on the street- packages are due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Barb invited anyone interested to join the selection committee. Barb will ask Till and Billy if they're interested.

#### MPO Updates

-Tristan gave updates from the MPO. A regional trail idea is moving forward to the MPO Board and projects funded through the latest round of SPOT should be known by January (The "North RAD Greenway" is likely to be funded for construction.)