

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force  
Minutes  
August 20, 2020**

**Vision:** *For Asheville to be a community of connected pathways that is healthy, safe and accessible for people of all ages.*

**Mission:** *To educate the public about bicycle and pedestrian transportation; to advocate for the development and maintenance of safe, convenient and inter-connected facilities; to promote the benefits of walking and biking for individuals and community health.*

**Introductions & Administrative Details**

- Present: Janet Barlow, Till Dohse, Barb Mee Claudia Nix, Colin Kinton, Mike Sule, Randy Warren, Michael Stratton, Tristan Winkler, Scott Dickens
- Facilitator – Till and Minutes – Janet
- Will review minutes from July next month

**Old Business**

- Asheville on Bikes circulator and slow streets [proposal](#) and [concept map](#) discussion Mike explained that it's a concept plan, not anything set in stone. Does take into account the bike plan and incorporates some residential neighborhood streets
- Asking for the ABPTF to sign pledge – that the city and state should implement slow street network, should implement commerce zones, Volunteers to help implement plan

**Motion to support AOB proposal- passed and Till will write letter to Multitmodal Transportation Commission from the Task Force**

**Discussion/Project Work**

- Counts (September 14-19) (Till) Till will coordinate counts as usual, asking AOB and Bike Club to help with getting volunteers;
- Bicycle Friendly Community - renewed at the bronze level, good thru 2024 – no public ceremony, will publicize through social media; asked that that include publicity of goal of becoming Silver at next update in 2024
- *Close the GAP* update (Barb) – first work in 15 years on pedestrian plan; close to putting out first public interest survey; just working on details and getting ready and waiting for publicity staff to have time to get information out on it
- Bike/Scooter Share Study (Randy, Barb) -Randy is concerned that scooter portion is holding up the bike share plan and wanting to move on forward with bike share study; **Randy motioned that ABPTF support separating the bike share study from the scooter study and move forward on the bike share study; unanimous support from Task Force and sent to MMTC**

**New Business/Projects**

NA

### **Regular Updates** (brief updates/announcements and input from Task Force)

- Asheville Police/Fire/Rescue – no report
- Multimodal Commission – no report, meeting every other month; Meg Donahue (our usual contact from Police) is speaking at next meeting
- City project updates – met with DOT and all of our federal projects are hung up with COVID and DOT funding issues; includes new Leicester highway sidewalks, Johnston Blvd, French Broad River greenway, New Haw Creek sidewalks, and others
- French Broad River MPO - funding is hung up right now; 2025 plan is under review and going to Board in September; corridor studies for Hendersonville Road and Tunnel Road; kicking off a regional transit planning activity
- Buncombe County – no report
- NCDOT updates – no one present but Barb reported that projects stuck in the funding pipeline but some things are in the works – Charlotte Street interchanges more pedestrian friendly, Haywood Road resurfacing and doing some other streetscape changes; DOT has proposed a PHB on Merrimon and Spears; some ADA issues with Craven Street
- Asheville on Bikes/BRBC/AARP/Street Tweaks/other groups – nothing additional

### **Announcements/Events**

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting is September 17
- Agenda Items for next month – Debris in the right of way that impedes bicyclists and pedestrians. Briefly discussed using the Asheville App to report issue but since it's systemwide, it's not really something that you want to complain about in each instance; Task Force to discuss at next meeting.
- Guests you want to invite to future meetings?
- Keep sending/posting images for the [Task Force website](#) and [Facebook page](#). [Scott Dickens](#) is the point of contact.