

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force**  
**DRAFT Minutes**  
**August 19, 2021**

**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.*

Administrative Tasks:

- **Meeting Facilitated** by Till Dohse
- **Attendees:** Paul Endry, Scott Dickens, Till Dohse, Terri March, Randy Warren, Maggie Ullman, Terri March, Barb Mee, Hannah Bagli
- **Motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes:** Randy Warren, Till Dohse Seconded, All in favor, motion passed.
- **Motion to approve the agenda:** Maggie moved, and seconded by Terri March, All in favor, motion passed.

Agenda

**1. September Bike Ped Survey/Counts**

- Till overview
  - We need help
  - Typically we have 20-30 sites
  - Usually in the morning there isn't great data and there aren't that many people out and about. The afternoon counts we have 10 years worth of data
  - Terri suggested folks who volunteered for the GAP effort, might be interested in helping.
  - Claudia will send a note through the Blue Ridge Bicycle club
  - Process: people contact Till with what date you prefer and he will give an intersection assignment. Till has a sheet of assignments. There is a google survey form to sign up, Till will share with each of us.
  - Dates: Sept 14, 15, 16, 18. Times: 5-7pm
- Maggie will ask the MMTC and see if Asheville on Bikes will spread the work
- Maggie asked if we gather data about race, we don't as of yet
- Terri- If we were to collect data on race, it would only be observational data, as it is increasingly difficult to accurately reflect gender and race as an observer. We

also don't have any historical data, so we wouldn't be able to track anything over time

- Maggie: But if we don't start collecting that data now, we'll never have that information
- Till suggested we gather that info in the comments section
- Terri, the proces, for everyone who crosses that intersection has a tick, if we capture how many people of color cross through an intersection. We will stress this data is observational for Barb to use to tell the story in our community
- **Terri makes a motion to begin collecting racial data at each intersection. Claudia seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.**

## 2. Gap Survey

- Claudia: We had 200 people pass through the spot I was at. I was impressed by the number of people I interviewed who said they get on the greenway every day.
- Terri: Saturday at the RAD station there were 200. Possibly 600 surveys over all.
- Scott: I talked with 40 or 50 people myself. We even had people waiting to stand in line to do the survey.
- Claudia: when i asked how could we make the greenway better, they all said connectivity and growing the greenway
- Till: How many time slots were there? They were two hour slots.
  - 7-9 am, the last slot about 1-3, then one evening they went to 7pm
  - Tuesday was all day
  - Saturday they quit at 3pm

## 3. Committee Updates

- MMTC:
  - we are hoping for them to remove scooters from the bike share plan, so we can get it approved, so it will be ready for funding.
  - We've been talking for a year about lowering the standard city speed limit to 25. We voted to move it to the city council. Not sure when it will go to city council.
- FBRMPO
  - I26 interchange, last month Tristan went into detail. We are waiting on the budget reconciliation before our board votes on it. Odds the board will be voting on it in September.
  - We are voting to create a regional transit planning study
  - If anyone needs a passive pedestrian counter, we could lend one
  - Is there opportunity for advocacy?
  - Worried this will displace multi modal projects we've priorities.

- Maybe we have opportunity to have multi modal priorities around the edges.
- Buncombe County: no attendee
- NCDOT: no attendee
- City projects:
  - Haywood Rd, Patton Ave, and Johnston Blvd- pedestrian signal preliminary design is complete and it will be installed in the next several months
  - Pedestrian hybrid beacon on Merrimon Ave and Spears. We are awaiting the equipment to be delivered.
  - Next week, doing public input virtual meetings for close the gap. Weds from 6-7:30