

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force**  
**Minutes**  
**May 18, 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.*

**Attendees**

- The following were in attendance:  
Till Dohse, Janet Barlow, Colin Kinton, Dan Baechtold, Lyuba Zuyeva, Patricia Katz, Tom Redinger, Tristan Winkler.
- Facilitator: Till Dohse
- Minutes: Till Dohse

**Guest(s)**

- Lyuba Zuyeva

**Discussion/Project Work**

Our guest Lyuba Zuyeva, Senior Transportation Planner at VHB, presented the report of the Biltmore / McDowell Corridor Study.

Summary

After presenting some background information on the study and a brief description of the process, the report identified three guiding principles "Pillars":

connecting neighborhoods through safe pedestrian facilities, encourage cycling, and maintaining traffic flow.

Three alternatives were offered. One is to focus on Biltmore avenue, the second to focus on McDowell, and the third is to have a balanced approach to the two transportation arteries.

Some discussion followed the presentation, mainly consisting of clarifying specific elements of the report. (How the projections were modelled, if federal funding will be included, and others.)

The complete report can be found online at:

<https://www.ashevilenc.gov/departments/transportation/current-projects/corridor-studies/>.

Due to low attendance no action was taken. Instead Till suggested that we send out the link of the report to the group so that we can get input from the task force prior to the June Multimodal meeting.

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

No major updates were presented at the meeting

**Announcements/Events**

- Next Bike/Ped Task Force meeting is June 17, 2021