



SUMMARY OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING #2

JUNE 26, 2018, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY ELECTIONS CENTER, 150 S. GASTON STREET, BREVARD, NC 28712

Participants

- Mark Burrows, Transylvania County Planning and Community Development
- Steve Bzomowski, Alta Planning + Design
- Bob Cabin, Brevard College
- Bob Cole, Resident
- Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO Economic and Community Development
- Joy Fields, Transylvania County Planning and Community Development
- Jonathan Griffin, Transylvania County
- Matt Hayes, Alta Planning + Design
- David Joyce, Brevard College
- Robert Lawson, Resident
- Suzanne Lawson, Cedar Mountain Community Center
- Jackie Moore, Active Routes to School Coordinator, Region 1
- Mark Tooley, Transylvania County TAC
- Jimmy Whitmire, Transylvania County Agricultural Advisory Board/TAC
- Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14

Overview Presentation

Mark Burrows introduced the meeting and Matt Hayes and Steve Bzomowski led an overview presentation of the process to-date and existing conditions for bicycling in Transylvania County. A copy of the presentation will be posted to the Transylvania County website and topics covered in the presentation are listed below:

- Introductions
- Upcoming Projects
- Plan Review
- Data Collection
- Bicycle Infrastructure Options
- Public Open House Workshops



Existing Conditions Discussion

During the presentation, several items were discussed by the group. Topics discussed include the following:

- Plan Review:
 - » Lake Toxaway - add to plan review list.
- SPOT 5.0 Process:
 - » Public input ongoing, final points allocation will happen in July.
- NC 178 - upcoming improvements
- Traffic Counters:
 - » Land of Sky RPO installed traffic counters that included bicycle and pedestrian counts over a one day period in three locations in Brevard. Consider future count locations during this bicycle planning process.
- City of Brevard:
 - » Strava data access
- Roundabouts are likely to be implemented along the US 64 corridor north of Brevard with bicycle infrastructure included. This includes the US 64/NC 280/US 276 intersection as well as the N. Broad Street project (Caldwell St to Fortune Cove Rd).
- Bicycle culture:
 - » In Transylvania County, the bicycle culture has grown over the years from mountain biking through the hundreds of miles of combined trails in Pisgah National Forest, Dupont State Forest, Bracken Preserve, and Gorges State Park. Today, the next step is to link these trail elements through the community (downtowns, schools, parks, neighborhoods) for comprehensive connectivity that combines transportation and recreational elements.
- Infrastructure options:
 - » Choosing the proper bicycle infrastructure for a given context is driven by a myriad of elements that can be complementary or competing (tradeoffs) such as different types of bicyclists' needs, environmental constraints, and prioritization.
- Greenville Hwy to Hap Simpson Park:
 - » Fast design speed - motorists observed to consistently travel significantly faster than the posted 35 mph speed limit.
 - » During the SPOT 4.0 process, a cost estimate was assembled for a Greenville Hwy bicycle improvement (sidepath) from Wilson Road to Hap Simpson Park - estimated at \$1 Million and not funded.
- US 64 Brevard to Rosman:
 - » Separated bicycle infrastructure needed - future sewer from Rosman to Brevard could potentially combine with this project to create a greenway corridor away from the US 64 corridor.
- Everett Road:
 - » A lot of cars passing other cars observed here. Curves in roadway can create dangerous situations. Generally a very uncomfortable road for bicyclists.
- Blue Ridge Parkway:
 - » Not advertized for bicyclists, no steps being taken to accommodate bicyclists.

Next Steps



- Public Open House Workshops
 - » June 26th at the Little River Community Center from 6:30-8:30 pm
 - » June 28th at Rosman Town Hall from 4:30-6:30 pm
 - » July 9th in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Library in Brevard from 4:30-6:30 pm
 - » July 16th at the Cedar Mountain Community Center from 4:30-6:30 pm
- Schedule next Stakeholder Meeting (September)
- Add stakeholder meeting notes and powerpoint presentation to Transylvania County website
- Draft Bicycle Plan Development

