

Summary of Notes from City of Easley Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Public Workshop,
June 15, 2009, at Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library

Question 1: Pedestrian Facilities

Locations:

General

Around schools
At shopping centers
Safe Routes to Schools- \$200,000/school

Specific

SC 93
Brushy Creek Road
Puille Road
Couch Lane
Burns
Biltmore Road (more sidewalks)
Safety crossing:
-- US 123
-- SC 135
-- SC 93
-- Brushy Creek Road
Pedestrian crossings:
-- Biltmore Road and US 123
-- Powdersville Road and US 123
-- Pedestrian bridge over US 123: Brushy Creek Road
-- Crosswalk to connect with new mall on US 123
-- Crossings at RR tracks at SC 93
-- Connectivity across US 123 at bridge/over pass
Signs to alert drivers along:
-- US 123
-- SC 8
-- SC 135
-- SC 93
Better lighting along:
-- Couch Lane
-- Powdersville Road
-- SC 8
Tri County Tech needs to include walking access
Roundabout at SC 135 and Pendleton Street

Infrastructure Recommendations:

Sidewalks

More sidewalks
Improved sidewalks downtown
Improved sidewalks
Holes and gaps in sidewalks- continuity
Sidewalks to nowhere
No ramps off sidewalks
Sidewalk maintenance, level, ramps
Lack of shoulder space
Walking along highways
Buffer between sidewalk and road
Destinations for enjoyment

Crossings and Signals

More pedestrian crossing signals everywhere
Crossings/ Crosswalks
Crosswalks

Roadway Design

Reducing speed of traffic
Many curb cut-ins for businesses- reduce number
Cars not looking for pedestrians- too fast
Edge lines on streets for traffic calming and pedestrian access

Ordinances

Enforcement of developer improvements
Future development keep walking access in plans

Question 2: Bicycle Facilities

Locations:

General

Lanes on roads
More lanes
Bike lanes along all major roads
Bike lanes in parks
Connectivity
Maintenance (debris)
Paint lines on roads more than "sharrows"

Specific

Bike lanes:
-- Couch Lane
-- McAllister Road
-- Powdersville Road
Crossing lanes (?) on US 123
Puille (?) Road
Couch Lane
Pope Field Road area
Bike lanes at Complex(?)
Pendleton Street
Safety
-- Pendleton Street to hospital
Routes to Caesars Head- Jameson Road
Routes to Greenville- US 123 or Saco Lowell Road
Routes to Pickens- Dootle Rail
Routes to Liberty to Clemson

Infrastructure Recommendations:

Roadway Design & Infrastructure

Signage
Bike parking:
-- Downtown
-- YMCA
-- Main Street
-- Commercial areas

Trails, etc. (Bicycling and walking facilities)

Trails while land is still available
Separate paths
Bike trails/ paths for walking/biking

Trails- in parks, creeks, new recreational area, etc.

Floodplains for trails:

-- New high school to downtown

-- Combine with utility corridors

Railroad Trail

Share easements with rails

Family recreational in park/greenspace/playground

Competitive/avid cyclists- 10 mile+

Facilities need to cater to all user types

Utility corridors across Powdersville Road

Infrastructure:

-- Trail connecting all city parks (Pope Field, Kings Park, Red Owens, 5 Points Park, Hagood)

-- Build walking/cycling into all new developments

-- Walking trails to add 1/2 mile Baptist Hospital, 1 mile YMCA(?)

Trails, paths, greenspace made into walk trail loop

Access to parks, complexes via walking including new shopping center

Existing utility easements

Separate trails

Question 3: Education, Enforcement, and Encouragement Opportunities

Education:

Changing mindset (education)

Education programs in schools

Safety

More awareness

Signage

Drivers Education- bike safety

Child bike safety

Vacation Bible School

Upstate Safe Kids

High School Drivers Education programs

Schools focal point for info/education, therefore use aggressive program to inform via schools

Education handbooks

Kick-off events for use

Northwest quadrant has the fewest drivers

Enforcement:

Police crackdown

Law enforcement awareness

City ordinances enforcing speed and also development

Encouragement:

Identity (branding, marketing) with trains/trails

Off-road connection of/to schools

Family rides

Group walks and rides

Trains campaign

Quarterly Easley magazine

Discounts from retailers

Miles ridden rewards

Bike races

City-purchased bike racks for businesses

Bike/Ped person appointed

Advertising

Festivals/carnivals on safety and fitness

Civic organizations (Rotary, YMCA, etc.)

Group Discussion:

Areas of Overlap

Safety

Crossings

Programs/events with potential Big Impact

Group wellness at YMCA, rides

List of rides on website

Forum on website

Low Hanging opportunities

Signage

Education

Crosswalks

Crossing signals

Enhancing existing conditions

Narrowing lanes

Powdersville Road widening for Tri-County Tech

Ordinances

2002 development guidelines enhancements

Bike parking

Recognize businesses

Bike friendly business recognition

Local celebrities biking

Spring Fling

Rodeos in subdivisions

Has to be visual

Attendees (from sign-in sheets):

Chris Mann, City Council

Dave Watson, City Council

Christine deVlaming (Committee member)

Tresh Crosby (Committee member)

Patrick Gramblin (Committee member)

Brian Garrison (Committee member)

Kent Dykes (Easley Chamber of Commerce)

Davis Turner

J.B. Turner

Keith Brockington (GPATS)

Raymond Sanders

Frank Burrell

Marga Burrell

Chris Youngblood

Tiffany Martin (Pickens County YMCA)

Martha Clark

Helen Mercer

Andrew Meeker (City of Greenville)

Ford Batson