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OVERVIEW

In order to gain local knowledge and input, a public outreach component was included as an integral part of planning efforts for the Spartanburg County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Public input was gathered through several different means including the following: Steering Committee meetings, public workshops, municipality meetings, stakeholder meetings, and public comment forms. This offered the representatives and citizens of Spartanburg County and its municipalities opportunity to contribute to the Plan's development.

Steering Committee meetings were held throughout the planning process with representatives from Spartanburg County and its municipalities. These took place to establish visions and goals for this effort. Committee members also identified key opportunities and strategies for the bicycle and pedestrian system and provided feedback to the Draft Plan.

Stakeholder meetings were held with municipality citizens, greenway advocates, senior groups, and SCDOT. Input was received and recorded. In addition to receiving input, these meetings served as a springboard into the implementation process.

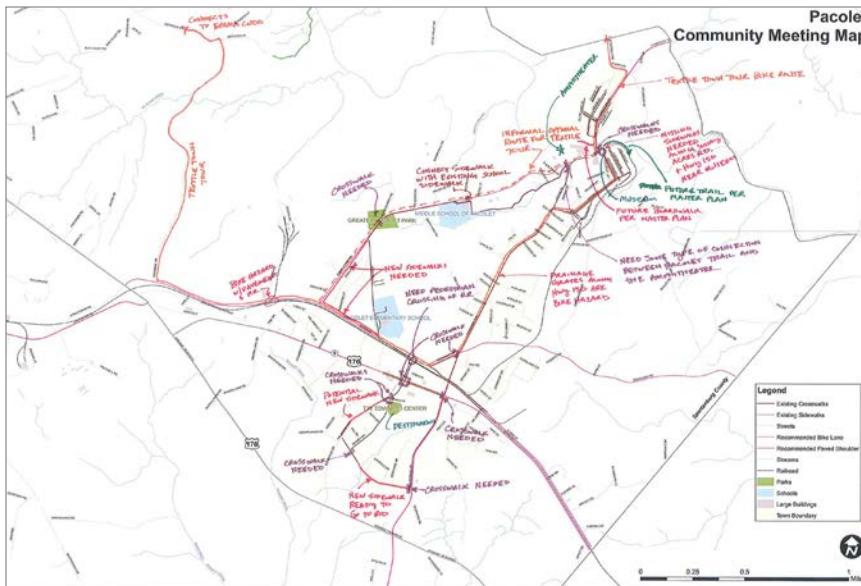
PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Two public input workshops were conducted during the planning process. The workshops were both held at major public events in order to receive input from a wide cross section of people (not just bicycle and pedestrian advocates). The first opportunity was a booth in Downtown Spartanburg, held in conjunction with the annual Spring Fling Festival and the Spartanburg Regional Classic bicycle races. This initial public input session sought to gather preliminary input from citizens to assist in the development of draft recommendations for the plan. The second public workshop presented draft recommendations and solicited public comment during the Carolina Panthers Party. Preliminary recommendations were presented in map form. Citizens responded to these draft recommendations by providing feedback and discussion of proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

At both workshop sessions, public input was taken in the form of map markups, written comments, and through discussions between citizens, consultant staff from Greenways Incorporated and BP Barber, and SPATS staff. In addition, a hardcopy public comment form was developed and distributed for hand written responses during each event.

MUNICIPALITY MEETINGS

A meeting was held with each of the 13 municipalities in Spartanburg County early in the planning process. SPATS staff and BP Barber staff visited each community, met with local leaders and planners, and toured the area. The goal was to learn the bicycle and pedestrian visions, goals, and priorities for each community and to reflect this information in the Plan. BP Barber staff recorded notes, meeting summaries, and map comments. This information was used to update the bicycle and pedestrian network recommendations. See Appendix F: Community Meeting Summaries for details.









Left: An example community input map (from Pacolet) that was marked up with useful input of bicycle and pedestrian conditions and recommendations.


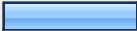

COMMENT FORM

A comment form was developed for this process and made available in both hardcopy and online form. The comment form was available online for six months. To maximize the responses to the online form, the web address was distributed at the public meeting, to local interest groups, in newsletters, and on flyers throughout the county. Approximately 1,059 persons completed the comment form.

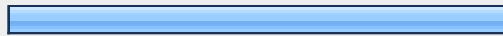
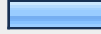

The comment form results shown on the following pages have been tabulated to provide insight into local residents' opinions and values.

1. How do you rate present pedestrian conditions in the Spartanburg area? (select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		8.5%	89
Fair		61.6%	642
Poor		29.8%	311
		<i>answered question</i>	1,042
		<i>skipped question</i>	17



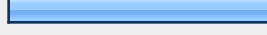
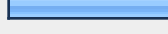
2. How do you rate present bicycling conditions in the Spartanburg area? (select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		6.6%	68
Fair		50.8%	527
Poor		42.6%	442
		<i>answered question</i>	1,037
		<i>skipped question</i>	22

3. How important to you is improving walking and biking conditions in the Spartanburg area? (select one)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important		75.6%	788
Somewhat important		20.4%	213
Not important		4.0%	42
		<i>answered question</i>	1,043
		<i>skipped question</i>	16

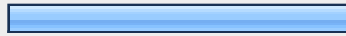
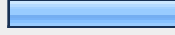
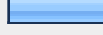

4. Do you feel that the Spartanburg area should consider non-automobile transportation (i.e. pedestrian and bicycle) as a priority? (select one)

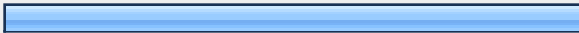

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		76.3%	791
No		14.0%	145
Doesn't matter		9.7%	101
		<i>answered question</i>	1,037
		<i>skipped question</i>	22



5. How often do you walk now? (select one)

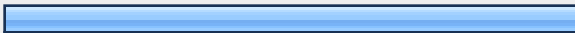

		Response Percent	Response Count
never		8.1%	84
few times per month		27.0%	280
few times per week		40.1%	416
5+ times per week		24.9%	258
		<i>answered question</i>	1,038
		<i>skipped question</i>	21

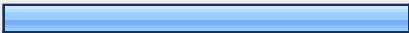


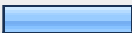
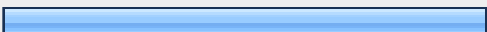

6. How often do you bike now? (select one)

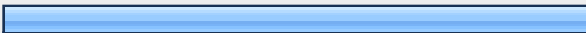
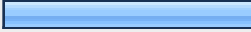
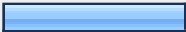
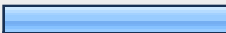

		Response Percent	Response Count
never		52.2%	545
few times per month		25.6%	268
few times per week		14.4%	151
5+ times per week		7.8%	81
		<i>answered question</i>	1,045
		<i>skipped question</i>	14


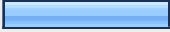
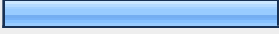

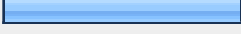
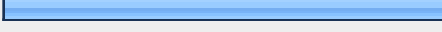
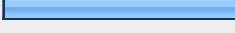
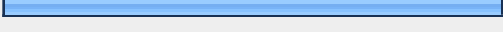
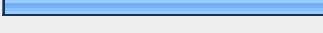
7. Would you walk more often if more sidewalks, trails, and safe roadway crossings were provided for pedestrians?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.7%	923
No		11.3%	118
<i>answered question</i>			1,041
<i>skipped question</i>			18

8. Would you bike more often if more bicycle lanes, trails, and safe roadway crossings were provided for bicyclists?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		78.3%	807
No		21.7%	224
<i>answered question</i>			1,031
<i>skipped question</i>			28

9. Should public funds be used to improve pedestrian and bicycle options and facilities?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.3%	902
No		11.7%	120
<i>answered question</i>			1,022
<i>skipped question</i>			37

10. What types of funds should be used? (Choose all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Local foundation or nonprofit		62.4%	630
Capital improvements bond or other financing strategy		41.2%	416
Existing local taxes		52.0%	525
New local taxes		19.6%	198
State and federal grants		74.3%	750
Other (please specify)		8.2%	83
		<i>answered question</i>	1,009
		<i>skipped question</i>	50

11. For what purposes do you walk or bike most now and/or would you want to walk for in the future? Select all that apply.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Fitness or recreation		90.1%	923
Transportation to some destination		38.0%	389
Social visits		27.6%	283
Walking the dog		34.4%	352
Walking the baby / pushing a stroller		13.7%	140
		<i>answered question</i>	1,024
		<i>skipped question</i>	35

12. What walking and bicycling destinations would you most like to get to? Select all that apply.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Place of work		34.6%	347
School		25.3%	254
Restaurants		42.0%	422
Public Transportation		17.6%	177
Shopping		36.4%	365
Parks		67.9%	682
Entertainment		35.6%	357
Trails and greenways		76.7%	770
Libraries or recreation centers		49.2%	494
		<i>answered question</i>	1,004
		<i>skipped question</i>	55

13. What factors discourage walking? Select all that apply.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of sidewalks and trails		77.8%	790
Lack of crosswalks at traffic signals		37.5%	381
Lack of pedestrian signals at intersections		31.3%	318
Automobile traffic and speed		65.6%	666
Pedestrian unfriendly streets and land uses		55.8%	566
Lack of interest		10.1%	103
Lack of time		17.4%	177
Aggressive motorist behavior		46.5%	472
Sidewalks in need of repair		35.7%	362
Lack of nearby destinations		28.4%	288
Criminal activity		35.2%	357
Level of street lighting		34.1%	346
Lack of landscaping and/or buffer between sidewalks and road		33.8%	343
	Other (please specify)		56
	answered question		1,015
	skipped question		44

14. What factors discourage biking? Select all that apply.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of bicycle lanes, shoulders, or paths		77.6%	737
Narrow lanes		56.2%	534
High-speed traffic		73.9%	702
Traffic volume		55.1%	523
Inconsiderate motorists		59.6%	566
Lack of bicycle parking		27.3%	259
Lack of showers and lockers at workplace		13.2%	125
Criminal activity		26.7%	254
Loose gravel or potholes		33.9%	322
Crossing busy roads		40.7%	387
Poor lighting		25.2%	239
Drainage grates		13.5%	128
Other travel modes are safer or more comfortable		18.8%	179
Hills		9.3%	88
Physical ability		10.8%	103
Travel time or distance		16.7%	159
	Other (please specify)		42
	answered question		950
	skipped question		109

15. What do you think are the top roadway corridors most needing pedestrian and bicycle improvements?

Roadway Corridor	Responses
Main Street/W O Ezell/US 29	167
Pine Street	91
Reidville Road/John B. White Sr. Blvd.	68
Church Street	57
SC 9 (Spartanburg - Boiling Springs)	50
US 290	31
US 221	26
Asheville Highway	25
Blackstock Road	22
Woodburn Road	22
Fernwood Drive	20
Country Club Road	19
Fernwood Glendale Avenue	14

16. What do you think are the top intersections most needing pedestrian and bicycle improvements? Example: Smith Ave. & Turner St.

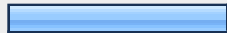













Intersection	Responses
Main Street & Pine Street	73
Hwy 29 (WO Ezell Blvd) & Blackstock Road (not differentiated)	30
Pine Street & Country Club Road	25
Main Street & Fernwood-Glendale Road	24
Union Street & Henry Street	20
Main Street and Church Street	15
Henry Street & Church Street	14
Reidville Road & Blackstock Road (not differentiated)	14
Saint John Street and Main Street	14
All intersections	13
Saint John Street and Pine Street	13

17. What is your zip code?

		Response Count
<i>(see question #20, page A-12)</i>		
		934
	answered question	934
	skipped question	125

18. What is your gender?			Response Percent	Response Count
M			43.8%	424
F			56.2%	544
			<i>answered question</i>	968
			<i>skipped question</i>	91

19. What is your age?			Response Percent	Response Count
0-18			3.1%	30
19-25			7.7%	75
26-35			21.6%	211
36-45			22.6%	220
46-55			20.5%	200
56-65			14.6%	142
65 and older			9.9%	97
			<i>answered question</i>	975
			<i>skipped question</i>	84

20. Where do you live?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
City of Spartanburg		33.3%	312
Spartanburg County		36.6%	343
Woodruff		3.1%	29
Cowpens		1.3%	12
Pacolet		2.8%	26
Duncan		2.8%	26
Landrum		1.5%	14
Chesnee		3.5%	33
Lyman		2.5%	23
Wellford		1.6%	15
Inman		6.1%	57
Greer		1.0%	9
Reidville		1.6%	15
Greenville County		2.4%	22
		Other (please specify)	85
		<i>answered question</i>	936
		<i>skipped question</i>	123

21. Please provide your email address below if you would like to stay up to date with the Spartanburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan.		
		Response Count
		359
		<i>answered question</i>
		359
		<i>skipped question</i>
		700