

**Yancey County  
Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Steering Committee  
Zoom Meeting #8 Summary**

November 4, 2020

Attendees:

- Pam Cook, NCDOT TPD
- David Graham, High Country RPO
- Jake Blood, NC High Peaks
- Jeff Howell, Yancey County EMS
- Stephen Sparks, NCDOT Division 13
- Lynn Austin, Yancey County Manager
- Teresa Coletta, Burnsville Mayor
- Jamie McMahan, Yancey EDC
- Michael Harris, Yancey Transportation Director

The Yancey County CTP Update Steering Committee met remotely through the Zoom online meeting platform. The following is a summary for each agenda item:

**1. Pedestrian Network Map Markup Exercise**

Pam Cook shared a Yancey County pedestrian network map with the Steering Committee for virtual input and map markup. Comments for the pedestrian network map are as follows:

- Add sidewalk along Longview Drive.
- Remove small sections of proposed multi-use paths that are not feasible.
- Connect Jacks Creek Road to Cane River Park with multi-use path.
- Connect Jacks Creek Road to existing sidewalk on US 19E.
- Propose multi-use path south of US 19E to connect existing sidewalk in west Yancey County.
- Propose Multi use path from Georges Fork Road along NC 80 to Hickory Springs Road.
- Propose multi use path from Micaville Loop to Landfill Road.
- Remove Ray Street from proposed sidewalk improvements.
- Recommend pedestrian signs on both ends of Azalea Street and crosswalk at intersection with Main Street.
- East Main Street sidewalk improvements are a priority.
- Extend existing sidewalk on north side of US 19E from West Baptist to Charlie Brown Road intersection with US 19E.
- Extend existing sidewalk east of Burnsville on north side of US 19E to Bill Allen Branch Road.

## **2. Bicycle Network Map Markup Exercise**

Pam Cook shared a Yancey County bicycle transportation map with the Steering Committee for virtual input and map markup. Comments for the bicycle network map are as follows:

- Propose bicycle accommodations on Hunt Dale Road and Tow River Road from 19W to NC 197.
- No bicycle accommodations needed on northern portion of 19W due to low traffic.
- Bicycle accommodations needed from NC 197/Tow River Road intersection to Mitchell County line.
- Propose bicycle accommodations along NC 197 and Bolens Creek Road and the “Short Pensacola Loop”, connect to proposed multi use path.
- Propose bicycle accommodations on NC 80 north.

## **3. Public Workshops Discussion**

After in depth discussion on holding public workshops in person versus a virtual option, the Steering Committee decided to do virtual public workshops. David Graham informed the Steering Committee that he will work with Pam Cook to develop a public workshop platform and keep the Steering Committee informed accordingly.

## **4. Future Meetings**

Due to finalizing CTP recommendations, obtaining concurrence of proposed recommendations from local governments, and planning for virtual public workshops, it was determined that the Steering Committee will likely not meet again until February 3, 2021.

## **5. Adjourn**