

Planning and Policy Committee Meeting

Date: January 6, 2026

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Adjourn Time: 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Online Zoom Meeting <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85333200325>

Meeting Type: Regular

Attendance:

- Members: Nathan Lee, Brian Taylor, John Lawler, Chris Perelstien
- Public:

Minutes:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Announcements and Updates
 - o There is a Marathon in Durham on May 2nd There are also half marathon, 10K, and 5K options. Mary and Nathan will be doing the half marathon; it could be cool to have a whole group of BPACers participate.

Business:

- Review and provide comments for:
 - o [Guess Road](#) - Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements
 - Concrete refuge Island at trail crossing is great. Reducing lanes is great.
 - Drivers do not understand how the hawk signal works. They don't know what flashing red vs solid red means and the confusion is leading to increasing non compliance. Eliminating the flashing phase could improve compliance.
 - Multiple lanes also leads to inconsistent yielding. The most important improvement in this design is therefore lowering the number of lanes.
 - Is the lane narrowing on the top lane in the map if it is paint only and not flexiposts at a minimum or new curb or low planters it will probably not have the traffic calming effects we want.
 - At Forest Rd Improve bike/ped connection between the future sidewalk and the concrete drainage ditch people currently use as a path. Similar to cul de sac cut through for bikes and ped planned in the corporation street sidewalk project.
 - South East of the Broad St intersection can the lanes be reduced to 10 feet each to get a buffer for the bike lane? Given the speed and volume of Guess a paint only unprotected bike lane is insufficient.
 - Is it possible within the scope of this project to fix the North bound bike crossing on Broad at the Guess broad intersection? It is currently terrible and bikes heading towards Costco must compete with vehicles to get into the sharrow lane.
 - o [Lakewood, West End, and Lyon Park Small Area Plan](#)
 - Nothing to review online.
 - o [Street Resurfacing Projects](#) - Geer, Foster, Rigsbee, and Trinity
 - Geer St
 - Yay bump outs!

- If within scope can you please mark the crosswalks at Washington street. And bump outs because Washington is huge.
 - Yellow cross hatch for tour bus loading zone at motorco:
 - When a bus is parked here pedestrians will not be able to see cars coming until they are already in the street. Please consider adding speed cushions between Foster and Rigsbee.
 - Mark one or both crosswalks at Madison St. They legally exist under NC (law) weather they are marked or not. If you can only do one we recommend the east side because the sidewalk is in better condition and is being expanded from current development and will tie in with corporation project.
 - Between North and Glendale (and Glendale and mangum) drivers heading east will likely use parking area to avoid cushion. If parking utilization is not high, might consider bump outs or other counter measures.
 - Add planters or concrete curb or flexiposts to hashed no parking zone approaching mangum.
- UDO Update (John Lawler)
 - Mary met with Lisa from planning, BPAC UDO task force are working on finalizing our comments and responding to their questions and clarify some language regarding bike racks. Issures to figure out related to security cameras and shelters for short term bike storage. Likely to have a BPAC UDO meeting on Jan 12th.

New business/Future planning (conversation was cut short and will be on next months agenda)

- Having a stronger presence and better advocacy at City Council and County Commissioner meetings?
- Do we want to work on a commission-wide “legislative agenda” for 2026?
- Do we want to set goals for PnP for 2026?
- How can we get new members educated and get them confident enough in the issues to go talk at city and county meetings?
 - Should we create a PnP education and onboarding package?
- Come up with official BPAC policy commitments
- **Next Steps**
 - Chris to send Nathan corporation street plan mentioned above.
 - Chris to send Nathan NC statute that says a crosswalk exists wherever there is sidewalk on both sides.
 - Nathan to formalize comments on Guess and Geer and figure out who to send them to.
 - Chris to attempt a City/County agenda items of BPAC interest newsletter type thing.

Meeting Attachments: None

Include guest presentations and any relevant links