

March 2026 BPAC Planning and Policy Minutes

18:30-20:00 Thursday Mar 5th 2026

Attendees: John Lawler, Nathan Lee, Katie Shay Perault, Mark Royal, Tony Reevy, Brian Taylor
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85333200325>

1. Introductions and announcements:
 - a. Crest Street Neighborhood Multimodal Resurfacing Open House
 - i. Thursday March 19th 6-7:30PM
 - ii. W. I. Patterson Community Center 2614 Crest St
 - b. Multimodal Traffic Impact Analysis (MMTIA) Project Introduction (to be discussed at March 4th Joint City-County Planning Committee)
 - i. This could be great if done right.
2. Old Business
 - a. Transportation replied back to our comments on Geer and Guess
 - i. Guess Rd: next steps, possible opportunity to push for more signage around PHBs/HAWKS
 - ii. Geer St: May need to work on making sure nearby transportation projects are talking to each other.
 - b. Push for Third Fork Creek Trail Phase 2A?
 - i. We accidentally missed this item.
3. South Ellerbe Trail closure while they work on the South Ellerbe Restoration project
 - a. We discussed the proposed detour while the section from trinity to markum is closed. The description is wrong, but the map shows it detouring the right direction. May just want to email someone telling them there is a typo.
 - b. Discussed that the concept picture is likely incorrect, **we need to find out if there is a real design for the trails and the ramp up to the future rail trail.**
4. Ideas Highlighted from Feb discussion carried over to March
 - a. We reviewed the BPAC guiding principles documents in this folder: [BPAC Guiding Principles](#)
 - i. **Action Item:** Make your own draft
 1. Review the above
 2. Review the transportation goals and action items in the comp plan
 3. Can also Look in BPAC > Planning and Policy > Comprehensive plan 2023
 4. Review the bylaws
 - a. <https://www.durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/49206/20221-Adopted-BPAC-Bylaws>
 5. Think about being more inclusive to all microbility types (also a better word for it?)

6. Have it ready by first thursday of April. Aka next PnP meeting.
- b. We discussed improvements to onboarding
 - i. **Action item:** Katie will work on documents with help from John
 - ii. **Action item:** Nathan will work on a better file tree for Pnp and example outputs
 - iii. Maybe ask community engagement
 - iv. We used to have a website what happened to it?
 - c. Push the city for greater accountability
 - i. We discussed this item some but did not really produce any action items. There is a map of most transportation projects but it is only updated yearly and does not have much information.
 - ii. We need to create a letter or other output to push public works/E&S to publish a list of the streets they plan to resurface over the next few years. They should have this information already, they just need to publish it.
 1. This is important for bike ped improvements and vision zero safety improvements.
 2. Check adopted bike walk plan for this and push for it.
 - d. Discussed trying to get the city to take over maintenance of downtown streets and loop but this would be a large project that would require a lot of research and work.