



# Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Durham Transportation Department · 101 City Hall Plaza · Durham, NC 27701

September 21, 2021  
7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/98678891110>

## AGENDA

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| <b><u>I.</u></b>   | <b>Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Excused Absences</b>  | <b>7:00</b> |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Present: Aidil Ortiz, Michael Moorman, Deniz Aydemir, Susanne Schmal, Dan Clever, Tony Patterson, Ed Rizzuto, Mike Shepherd, Heidi Carter, and Javiera Caballero</li><li>▪ Absent: Adam Pyburn(excused), Emily Egge (unexcused), Idreese Foxworth (unexcused)</li><li>▪ Staff: Dale McKeel, Sean Egan, Doug Bright, Leslie Tracey</li><li>▪ Guests: Paul Harvin</li><li>▪ Updates: David Fellerath has resigned because he is moving out of Durham</li></ul>  |             |
| <b><u>II.</u></b>  | <b>Adjustments to the Agenda</b>  | <b>7:04</b> |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ none</li></ul>  |             |
| <b><u>III.</u></b> | <b>Approval of Minutes from August Meeting</b>  | <b>7:05</b> |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Motion from Michael to approve minutes. Seconded by Dan and approved.</li></ul>   |             |
| <b><u>IV.</u></b>  | <b>Public Comments</b>  | <b>7:06</b> |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Paul thanked Dan and others for helping to ensure Bicycle and Pedestrian access in Northgate, Club Blvd, and ATC trails.</li><li>▪ Aidil shared some highlights from the recent MPO focus groups. Comments included support for trails, cut throughs (short connectivity projects), and protected bicycle lanes as important in upcoming investments.</li></ul>   |             |
| <b><u>V.</u></b>   | <b>Presentations</b>  | <b>7:09</b> |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Vision Zero Update with Focus on Equity and Pedestrian Crashes (Leslie Tracey and Doug Bright)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Shared a presentation that they plan to give to city council in a few months. Wants feedback from BPAC members.</li><li>ii. Vision Zero believes that fatalities are not an acceptable tradeoff for mobility. Focuses on protective designs to protect life. Durham has 25 fatal crashes per year and our numbers are going up. National trends are increasing in terms of pedestrian fatalities from crashes. Durham was one of the first cities in NC to commit to Vision Zero principles.</li><li>iii. Durham had a team attended a leadership institute for Vision Zero. Above all else it is a Durham informed strategy and that is what helps develop counter measures. Historically underserved and poor neighborhoods bear the brunt of negative statistics.</li><li>iv. 29 intersection improvements were highlighted as part of the 2017 Bike Walk Plan process after looking at over 400 potential intersections. 23 are being implemented and 6 remain unfunded. The equity metrics almost exclusively on household income and racial demographic.</li><li>v. Treatments included crosswalks and traffic circles. Roughly \$300,000 worth of project expenses.</li></ol></li></ul> |             |

- Education, Encouragement and Engagement Committee Report (Susanne Schmal)
  - Inquiring about how to get youth involved and Dale did some research to come up with ideas. Committee would like to suggest ages 15-24 as the definition of youth for those reserved seats.
  - Agenda item for our updated interlocal agreement has been submitted to council and commissioners. The age range will be included in the bylaws which is more readily modified. We may need to add language on stipends to our interlocal agreement before it goes to council/commission - Javiera suggested that we check with City attorney
  - Keeping the terms to three year terms with two terms maximum.
- Development Review Committee Report (Dan Clever)
  - Reviewing site plans rather than development plans. Site plans have to speak more to what is in the UDO. BPAC made a comment about reserving a corridor near Durham Beltline and planning doesn't feel the master plan had not highlighted a need for that.
  - Northgate Mall site plan is getting comments from BPAC about bus stop and pedestrian connections on Club and Gregson. Limited on what can be asked based on UDO.
  - Development near Herndon Park - based on site plan and they are planning on putting two connections to the American Tobacco Trail which feels promising.
  - Also discussed rezoning without a development plan for corner of Highgate and NC 54.
- Bike & Pedestrian Plan Implementation / Evaluation Committee Report (Michael Moorman)
  - Discussed further questions concerning measures used for comparing options in the transportation survey.
  - Brian Taylor explained the framework used for updating sidewalk project priorities. The main change from the 2017 Bike+Walk Plan is updated and revised metrics for minority population and for poverty.
  - Constance Wright reported on the lack of progress in traffic control in the Bragtown community.
  - Dale McKeel gave updates on the Safe Routes to School program, the bike lane and neighborhood bike routes project, the potential for short connectivity projects to provide neighborhood connectivity for a relatively low cost using right of ways and paper streets already under the cities control, and on progress on the vertical sidewalk gap on NC 54 near Barbee Rd.
- Updates from Liaisons
  - Durham City Council (Javiera Caballero) - Green and Infrastructure Bond - This would add a \$6-million line item for green and infrastructure projects. It is an additional \$6 million for CIP budget. Another presentation about this will be had before 2021 is over. Folks are still deciding whether it needs to be a bond or not and how to share this with the community. City attorney says the earliest it can be on a ballot as a bond is Nov. 22.
  - Durham Board of County Commissioners (Heidi Carter) - no updates, are looking at stipends for commissions
  - Duke University (TBD) – no report
  - NC Central University (Tony Patterson) - no updates
  - Recreation Advisory Commission (David Fellerath) - our liaison resigned and no update

- Comprehensive Plan (Aidil Ortiz & Ed Rizzuto) - Engagement Ambassadors are starting to look at land use types. Policy groups have also been created to hone in on specific subject areas. All of this work happens over the next 8-10 months.
- Other Community Updates (All)
  - Vision Insights - Ellen Beckman and Aaron Cain presented on Transit Plan to continue stakeholder outreach process.
  - US 70 project has been delayed for a couple of years because of NC DOT funding issues. MPO has asked to do more study of that and not let DOT handle all of the planning of this project Dale plans to schedule a presentation by the firm who is hired to do more engagement.
  - New paratransit contractor has been hired and it would be great to have them come to BPAC for presentation.

**VII. Old Business 8:43**

- Equity and Land Acknowledgement Statements (Aidil Ortiz)
- Letter to BikeWalkNC (Susanne Schmal)
  - o Revisions were made to the letter and it leaves the door open to work with future staff they plan to hire.
  - o Tony motioned to approve letter and Ed seconded. Motion passed.

**VIII. New Business 8:54**

- Election of New Vice Chair – Nominating Committee (Dale McKeel) - Amanda has stepped down so we need a new person to be voted in her position.
- Aidil asked if we can just nominate people for this position. Aidil motioned to vote for Deniz. Michael seconded and motion passed.

**IX. Announcements and Updates 8:58**

- none

**X. Communication Priorities from Meeting and Committees 8:59**

- Following up on Office on Youth to have them meet with us about youth membership best practices
- Follow up with city attorney about stipends in interlocal agreement.
- Encourages all the commissioners to look at the Green Infrastructure slides
- Sending BikeWalk NC letter to the org
- White Cane Day October 15 - blind veterans will be outside on VA on this day with a table with info on this day's importance

**XI. Adjourn 9:01**