

Winston-Salem Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

NC Examples

- Charlotte Bicycle Advisory Committee
(<http://charlottenc.gov/Transportation/Programs/Pages/BicycleAdvisoryCommittee.aspx>)
 - “The BAC is an advisory body to City Council. The committee reviews bicycle plans and makes recommendations on implementing the policies and policy strategies. The BAC also recommends appropriate action to the City Council and County Commission on bicycle transportation issues.”
- Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
(<https://www.raleighnc.gov/government/content/BoardsCommissions/Articles/BicyclePedestrianAdvisoryCommission.html>)
 - “The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission is an all-volunteer advisory body, appointed by the Raleigh City Council to provide guidance and leadership on all matters concerning bicycle and pedestrian activities and accommodation in Raleigh. BPAC members are responsible for making recommendations on the implementation of relevant programs, policies, regulations, and funding priorities regarding walking and bicycling in Raleigh.”
- Durham Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
(<https://durhamnc.gov/1383/Bicycle-Pedestrian-Advisory-Commission>)
 - “The Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) advises the Durham City Council and the County Commissioners on questions relating to bicycle and pedestrian issues.
 - The Commission consists of 17 members with seven members appointed by the City Council representing citizens in subject areas such as Bicycle Commuting, NCCU Liaison, Recreation/Recreation Business, University Students/University Facilities, Urban Trails & Greenways, Transportation Planning Policy and At-Large.
 - The monthly time commitment for a member is usually about 5 to 7 hours, including 2 hours per meeting. Additionally, most BPAC members participate on a subcommittee that meets monthly for approximately 2 hours.”
- Asheville Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force (<http://www.abptaskforce.org/index.htm>)
 - “The Asheville Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force is a citizen’s advisory committee to the city of Asheville. We work closely with city and metropolitan planning staff to give input on the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.”
- Greenville Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission
(<https://www.greenvillenc.gov/government/city-council/boards-and-commissions/greenville-bicycle-and-pedestrian-commission/>)
 - “To advance Greenville as a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community and to encourage bicycling and walking among its citizens and visitors. To provide advice and recommendations to the Greenville City Council on questions related to bicycle and pedestrian issues.”
- Southern Pines Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
(<http://www.southernpines.net/140/Bicycle-Pedestrian-Advisory-Committee/>)
 - “The Town of Southern Pines Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee advises the Southern Pines Town Council regarding the Bike and Sidewalk Plan.

This committee also sets priorities for new facilities or enhancements of existing routes in the Bike and Sidewalk Plan.

- Other responsibilities include review of town ordinances with respect to pedestrian and bicycle requirements and recommendation of enhancements or changes. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee promotes walking and biking as alternative modes of transportation with emphasis on education of school age children on safe, effective bicycling and walking.”
- Emerald Isle Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (<https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee-meeting-2018-04-18>)
 - “The purpose and scope of the activities of this Committee shall be the following: To advocate for programs that promote biking and walking and projects that provide safe and convenient facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians in Emerald Isle including the recommendations of the Highway 58 Corridor report. To form a visible, vocal and effective coalition of pedestrian and bicycle advocates. To support bicycle and pedestrian friendly legislation. To develop and implement bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs for bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers of motor vehicles. To advocate for bicycle and pedestrian friendly facilities throughout Emerald Isle including bicycle lanes and walkways and to promote livable communities and lifestyles by offering alternatives to automobile dependence.”

Potential Committee Composition and Areas of Representation

- Bicycle Commuting
- Recreational Cycling
- Road Cycling
- Mountain Biking
- Trail Development and Maintenance
- Transportation Planning/Policy
- Universities
- Businesses
- Transit Agencies

Potential Membership Requirements

- Residents of Winston-Salem
- No delinquent city/county taxes

Potential Goals/Tasks

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan priority setting and implementation review
- Development proposal review for bicycle and pedestrian impacts
- Transportation project review for opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure
 - Resurfacing project review
 - Roadway projects to comment on bicycle/pedestrian accommodations
- Identify and assist in the implementation of bicycle and pedestrian programs related to education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation efforts

Current Similar Committees and Roles:

- The MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee has a limited role because the MPO is primarily limited to funding decisions. There is an important role for residents to play before projects are considered at the MPO level.
- The MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee is responsible for the entire MPO area, making it difficult to focus on city-specific issues
- The MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee has no official appointees and no formal processes, so it lacks a mandate and authority and does not represent the entire community.
- The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee could draw from a larger pool of participants and better represent all interests
- The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee would involve cyclists and pedestrians in an official capacity that is not accounted for otherwise

Potential Formation and Operations

- Citizen-driven agendas and goals
- Approximately 9 members
- Citizen application to ensure residency
- Applications to Mayor's Office
- Terms
 - 2 members have 1-year term
 - 2 members have 2-year term
 - 3 members have 3-year term
- Reporting
 - Approved minutes are sent to City Secretary's office
 - Annual report of accomplishments
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, DOT Director, and City Manager's Office representative serve as staff liaisons