



The Mebane City Council met for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2024 in the Council Chambers of the Glendel Stephenson Municipal Building located at 106 E. Washington Street.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Ed Hooks
Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Bradley
Councilmember Katie Burkholder
Councilmember Sean Ewing
Councilmember Montrena Hadley
Councilmember Jonathan White

Also Present:

Chris Rollins, City Manager
Preston Mitchell, Assistant City Manager
Lawson Brown, City Attorney
Stephanie Shaw, City Clerk
Ashley Ownbey, Development Director
Franz Holt, City Engineer

Mayor Hooks called the meeting to order. Pastor Stu Johnston of Grace Reformed Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Hooks recognized retired Water Resources Director Dennis Hodge with a resolution honoring his years of service. Mr. Hodge received a standing ovation from the Council and those in attendance.

**RESOLUTION HONORING WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR DENNIS HODGE
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Dennis Hodge, with passion, insightfulness, and a commitment to excellence, has dedicated 48 years of his life to the advancement of environmental practices with particular emphasis on wastewater treatment and nutrient management; and

WHEREAS, during his exceptional career, Dennis has served as a lighthouse in the field of environmental stewardship while being employed by the City of Mebane from 1981-1988 and then again, from February 18, 2008, through his retirement on December 29, 2023, guiding the industry through his enthusiastic dedication to sustainable practice; and

WHEREAS, Dennis pioneered the implementation of the Kenaf technology, thereby significantly extending the efficacy and life of the City of Mebane Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility, setting a new standard of operational efficiency and environmental care; and

WHEREAS, Dennis achieved, against all odds, the strategic goal of early compliance with environmental standards, safeguarding the purity of our local waterways and the health of the communities they nourish; and

WHEREAS, He earned the distinction of a formal commendation from the Environmental Protection Agency for his role in launching a nationally valuable study on nutrient removal and secondary technologies that stands as a beacon for stakeholders and regulators alike; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Dennis created and nurtured a team of operators and professionals, instilling them with the knowledge, teamwork, and pride necessary to maintain the exceptional reputation and performance of our wastewater facility; and

WHEREAS, unyielding commitment to pushing the boundaries of environmental care has not merely met the expectations of our community; it has been an example nationwide, a testament to the power of personified dedication in realizing a vision for a cleaner, safer tomorrow. His legacy as a leader and innovator in this field will continue to inspire present and future generations of environmental advocates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the tireless dedication and countless contributions of Dennis Hodge we, the Mebane City Council, hereby honor him with this resolution on the occasion of his retirement. May he find in the years ahead the serenity of thriving by the seashore, admiring the beauty of the waves and natural balance he has dedicated his career to protecting.

Adopted this 5th day of February 2024.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

No one spoke during the Public Comment Period.

Mayor Hooks gave an overview of the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Petition- Holland Family
- b. Resolution of Support- Reconstruction of Interchange/Overpass on I-40/85 at Trollingwood/Hawfields Road- NCDOT Project I-6059
- c. FY23-24 Asset Disposals- July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- d. Second Quarter Financial Report- July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ewing, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
QUESTION OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31

Annexation 167

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mebane, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at the Glendel Stephenson Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2024.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

That certain parcel of land, lying and being in Cheeks Township, Orange County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a #6 rebar found (with NC Grid NAD83 coordinates N:842,420.06, E:1,925,270.41) in the easterly boundary line of GG Havenstone Limited Partnership as recorded in Deed Book 6791, Page 958 and described as a portion of Parcel 1 in Plat Book 79, Page 194, Orange County Registry; Thence along the easterly and southerly boundary lines of said Havenstone the following ten (10) courses: 1) N 29°57'09" W, at distance of 203.78 feet passing a #5 rebar found, continuing 166.11 feet passing a #5 rebar found, and continuing 271.49 feet, for a total distance of 641.38 feet to a #5 rebar set; 2) N 08°11'24" E, a distance of 201.95 feet to a #5 rebar found; 3) N 01°43'25" W, at a distance of 305.83 feet passing a #5 rebar found, and continuing 27.58 feet, for a total distance of 333.41 feet to a computed point in the centerline of Haw Creek; 4) with said creek N 38°22'23" E, a distance of 62.10 feet to a computed point; 5) with said creek N 27°11'26" E, a distance of 54.23 to a computed point; 6) with said creek N 33°05'19" E, a distance of 38.42 feet to a computed point; 7) with said creek N 52°10'16" E, a distance of 77.55 feet to a computed point; 8) with said creek N 70°22'18" E, a distance of 33.09 feet to a computed point; 9) with said creek N 33°55'59" E, a distance of 45.71 feet to a computed point; and 10) with said creek N 79°28'49" E, a distance of 33.08 feet to a computed point in the westerly boundary line of Wendy Louise Heath parcel as recorded in Deed Book 3877, Page 39 and described at Lot 1 in Plat Book 85, Page 104, Orange County Registry; Thence along the westerly boundary line of said Heath S 27°41'54" E, at a distance of 43.02 feet passing a #5 rebar found, continuing 170.40 feet passing a 1-inch pinch top iron pipe found, continuing 268.89 feet passing a 1" iron pipe found, continuing 371.11 feet passing a #5 rebar found; and continuing 37.77 feet, for a total distance of 891.19 feet to a computed point in the right-of-way of Bowman Road (60' public right-of-way; Thence within the right-of-way of said Bowman Road the following three (3) courses: 1) S 23°23'39" W, a distance of 206.12 feet to a PK nail set; 2) S 29°40'16" W, a distance of 294.88 feet to a computed point; and 3) along a curve to the right, with a chord bearing N 42°46'46" W, a chord distance of 153.57 feet, and a radius of 918.00 feet to a computed point at a southeasterly corner of said Havenstone; Thence along the easterly boundary line of said Havenstone N 29°57'09" W, a distance of 30.75 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 12.01 acres.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published once in the Mebane Enterprise, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Mebane, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

ATTEST:

Ed Hooks, Mayor

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE/OVERPASS ON I-40/85
AT TROLLINGWOOD/HAWFEILDS ROAD
NCDOT PROJECT I-6059

WHEREAS, G.S. 136-11.1 requires that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (“NCDOT”) request a resolution from all municipalities and counties affected by certain planned transportation projects to express their views on the project prior to any action taken by the North Carolina Board of Transportation (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has proposed committing in excess of \$25,000 for the improvements that include the widening/reconstruction of SR 1981 (Trollingwood-Hawfields Road Interchange over I-40/85 NCDOT Project I-6059); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 136-11.1, the City is provided the opportunity to state its views on the Project through this resolution before action of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Board shall consider, but shall not be bound by, the views of the City regarding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of Mebane Resolves:

Section 1. The City supports the Project because the Project will enhance the safety of the traveling public in the area and requests the Department and the Board to approve the Project.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective upon passage.

Adopted by the City of Mebane Council on this 5th day of February 2024.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

A Public Hearing was held on a request from the Clifford M. Ray family to adopt an ordinance to extend the corporate limits. Mr. Brown presented the request. He stated that this is a voluntary non-contiguous annexation of +/- 7.830 acres on the corner of Lake Latham Road and W. Holt Street in Alamance County. A transload facility is planned for this property. At last month’s meeting, the Council accepted the annexation petition and the certificate of sufficiency. No one from the public spoke concerning the request. Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burkholder, to adopt the ordinance to extend the corporate limits to include the +/- 7.830 acres. The motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held on a request from VM Development, LLC to adopt an ordinance to extend the corporate limits. Mr. Brown presented the request. He stated that this is a voluntary contiguous annexation of +/- 6.92 acres on the corner of Industrial Drive and Mattress Factory Road in Orange County. A concrete plant is planned for this property. At last month's meeting, the Council accepted the annexation petition and the certificate of sufficiency. No one from the public spoke concerning the request. Mr. Ewing made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bradey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hadley, to adopt the ordinance to extend the corporate limits to include the +/- 6.92 acres. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown presented a request for the Council's consideration to approve the City's purchase of three (3) separate parcels of vacant land. He explained that each matter should be voted on separately.

Mr. Brown gave an overview of the first parcel, stating that Willard and Evelyn Rogers contacted staff as to the City's interest in the property located West of the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). The property is a vacant lot at the corner of Lee and Short Streets (unopened streets). The Rogers have offered to sell the vacant lot for \$16,455 (Alamance County tax value). Staff believes that there is a need for additional land buffering the WRRF and recommends the purchase of the property if the due diligence (phase 1 environmental, title examination, etc.) returns satisfactory.

Tom Boney, editor/owner of the Alamance News, expressed his concern that more public notice was not given regarding the proposed purchases.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Burkholder made a motion, seconded by Mr. White, to approve the City's purchase of the property located at the intersection of Lee Street and Short Street (unopened streets) pursuant to the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract, provided that the normal due diligence is satisfactory to staff, and that staff be authorized to take the necessary action to purchase the same. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown continued by giving an overview of the second parcel of land. He explained that Nelson Dollar contacted staff as to the City's interest in the property located West of Holt Street Park. Mr. Dollar offered to sell the vacant lot for \$30,000 (Alamance County tax value is \$45,000). Staff believes that there is an opportunity to expand the park and recommends the purchase of the property if the due diligence (phase 1 environmental, title examination, etc.) returns satisfactory.

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burkholder, to approve the City's purchase of the property located to the West of Holt Street Park pursuant to the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract, provided that the normal due diligence is satisfactory to staff, and that staff be authorized to take the necessary action to purchase the same.

An unnamed lady in attendance spoke in opposition of the City purchasing the property.

Mayor Hooks called for a vote on the previous motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown gave an overview of the third parcel of land. He explained that Lacy Lamont McDougald contacted staff as to the City's interest in the property located West of the WRRF. The property is a vacant lot on Lee Street (unopened). Mr. McDougald has offered to sell the vacant lot for \$14,343 (Alamance County tax value). As previously stated, staff believes that there is a need for additional land buffering the WRRF and recommends the purchase of the property if the due diligence (phase 1 environmental, title examination, etc.) returns satisfactory.

Mr. Ewing made a motion, seconded by Mr. White, to approve the City's purchase of the property located on Lee Street (unopened) pursuant to the terms of the Offer to Purchase and Contract, provided that the normal due diligence is satisfactory to staff, and that staff be authorized to take the necessary action to purchase the same. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ownbey stated that the process of updating the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation plan began in August of 2022 and they are very excited to bring forward the update to the Council for initial presentation. She said it has been a year and a half process approximately and there was a lot of engagement in the onset of the process that has guided the production of the draft plan. She said during the process, a new planner, Rachel Gaffney, was hired. Ms. Ownbey took a moment to recognize Ms. Gaffney for all her hard work during the process. Ms. Ownbey said that lot of people in Mebane are excited about the City's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and staff has evidence of ongoing projects that are currently under construction, and she looks forward to seeing that continue. She then introduced Harrison Wenchell, Transportation Planning Team Lead with Stewart.

Mr. Wenchell presented the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation plan update via the attached PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Boney questioned the number of survey participants. Ms. Ownbey and Mr. Wenchell provided further clarification regarding the public's participation.

After brief discussion, Mr. Rollins stated that tonight was for presentation only. Next month, a public hearing will be held for public input and for the Council's consideration to adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation plan.

Ms. Ownbey presented a request for the Council to appoint members to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). She explained that there are currently three (3) openings on the BPAC - one vacant City position, one vacant Alamance County position, and one open at-large position. The members shall serve three-year terms. Ms. Ownbey stated that Katy Jones is seeking reappointment to the at-large position. Ms. Jones currently serves as BPAC Chair. Ms. Ownbey stated that staff recommends current BPAC member Katy Jones, who is requesting reappointment to her at-large position and staff has no recommendation regarding the six (6) qualified individuals who applied for the remaining two positions (City and Alamance County): Alexander Leaman, Casey Roberston, Beth Bell, Conni Fisher, Courtney Dunkerton, and Jackson Szeto. No applications

were received from individuals living in the extraterritorial jurisdiction. All applications are from residents living in the Mebane City Limits in Alamance County.

Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burkholder, to reappoint Ms. Jones and to appoint Beth Bell and Courtney Dunkerton to the other positions on the BPAC. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holt presented a request for approval of the City of Mebane's Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP). Mr. Holt explained that, per State regulations, every 5 years the WSRP is due for a review and any needed revisions. He stated that staff reviewed the plan, the existing plan was adequate, and no revisions were needed. The draft plan has been approved and deemed complete by the Division of Water Resources (DWR).

Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hadley, to approve the Water Shortage Response Plan as presented and to adopt the Resolution approving the same. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water service and each large community water system shall develop and implement water conservation measures to respond to drought or other water shortage conditions as set out in a Water Shortage Response Plan and submitted to the Department for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Water Shortage Response Plan for The City of Mebane has been developed and submitted to the Mebane City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Mebane City Council finds that the Water Shortage Response Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for The City of Mebane, as well as useful information to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Mebane that the Water Shortage Response Plan entitled, Water Shortage Response Plan dated 2023, is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mebane City Council intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This 5th day of February 2024

Ed Hooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk

Mr. Holt presented a request for the adoption of a Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Funding Resolution. Mr. Holt explained that as part of the current AIA grant, predictive modeling and other evaluation methods have identified approximately 1,200 service lines that need material types identified. The City of Mebane would like to obtain funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to conduct field service investigations on service lines within the water distribution system that may contain residential services installed using lead or lead solder. The City intends to proceed with applying for a grant in the amount of \$520,000 with a 0% match. As part of the application, a resolution is required designating the Mayor or City Manager as authorized officials to execute the application on behalf of the City of Mebane. The resolution would be used for future LSLR applications due in March, June, and August of 2024.

Mr. Bradley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burkholder, to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina the Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction and studies of drinking water distribution system and wastewater collections system projects, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mebane has need for and intends to conduct a study described as City of Mebane LSL Field Service Investigation using Drinking Water State Revolving Fund funding. The project will consist of field service investigations on residential service lines within the water distribution system that may contain lead or lead solder, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mebane intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project.

Now therefore it be resolved, by the City Council of the City of Mebane:

That City of Mebane, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the City of Mebane to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the City of Mebane any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Ed Hook, Mayor or Chris Rollins, City Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection

with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 5th of February 2024 at Glendel Stephenson Municipal Building, Mebane, North Carolina.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Ed Hooks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie W. Shaw, City Clerk



Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Update

February 5, 2024

- 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan (BPTP) is an update to the original 2015 BPTP plan
- Significant Accomplishments to Date
 - Developed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)
 - Adopted Complete Streets Resolution in December 2018
 - Community Bike Events
 - Updates to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in June 2022
 - Completed Projects (bike, ped, intersection)



Table 1: Completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Projects

Name	Facility Type	Extent	Details/Distance
Arrowhead Blvd	Sidewalk	Existing sidewalk east of Tanger Outlets to E Oakwood St	919 Feet
N Charles Street	Bike Boulevard	W Stagecoach Road to W Carr Street	Pavement Markings and Signage
W Clay Street	Bike Boulevard	N Charles Street to N Fifth Street	Pavement Markings and Signage
W Clay Street	Sidewalk	N Charles Street to the Community Park	1,150 Feet
E Center Street	Sidewalk	N Ninth Street west to existing sidewalk	450 Feet
N Fifth Street	Bike Boulevard	E Center Street to E Stagecoach Rd	Pavement Markings and Signage
S Fifth St	Sidewalk	E Dogwood Drive west to existing sidewalk	341 Feet
W Jackson Street	Sidewalk	S Third Street east to existing sidewalk	96 Feet
W Jackson Street	Sidewalk	S First Street to S Third Street	539 Feet
W Jackson Street	Sidewalk	S First Street to Holt St Park	549 Feet
NC 119	Sidewalk	S Fifth Street to S Third Street	1,317 Feet
S NC 119	Sidewalk	Lowes Blvd to Holmes Road	2,189 Feet
S NC 119	Sidewalk	I-40 Ramp to Holmes Road	1,574 Feet
S Second Street	Sidewalk	W Holt Street to W Lee Street	846 Feet

Table 2: Completed Intersection Improvements

Road 1	Road 2	Facility
W Carr Street	N Charles Street	Sidewalk, curb ramps, and crosswalk
W Clay Street	N Charles Street	High-visibility crosswalk
N Fifth Street	Kit Lane and Kit Court	Crosswalk and curb ramps
S Fifth Street	Mebane Oaks Road and Falcon Lane	Crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals
S Fifth Street	East Roosevelt Street	Crosswalk across Fifth, signage
Fourth Street	US-70 / Center Street	All way countdown timers and crosswalks
W Ruffin Street	N Charles Street	High-visibility crosswalk, signage, and curb ramps
N Third Street	W Crawford Street	Crosswalk and curb ramps
N Third Street	US-70 / Center Street	Crosswalk and pedestrian countdown, all-way
S Third Street	W Roosevelt Street	Crosswalk and curb ramps - 3-way
S Third Street	Corregidor Street	High-visibility crosswalk and signage
S NC 119	Sidewalk	Lowes Blvd to Holmes Road
S NC 119	Sidewalk	I-40 Ramp to Holmes Road
S Second Street	Sidewalk	W Holt Street to W Lee Street

Table 3: Approved and Under Construction Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Name	Facility Type	Extent	Details/Distance
S Eleventh Street	Sidewalk	Frontage of 11th Street Apartments	470 Feet
N First Street	Multi-Use Path	E Stagecoach Road to Eastside Creek	1,300 Feet
Holt Street Greenway	Multi-Use Path	Corregidor Drive to S Third Street	4,285 Feet
Lebanon Road	Multi-use path	Heartpine Drive to E Stagecoach Road	0.8 Mile

Table 3: Approved and Under Construction Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (Continued)

Name	Facility Type	Extent	Details/Distance
N Ninth Street	Sidewalk	E Stagecoach Road to E Laramie Drive	560 Feet
Oakwood Street	Multi-use path	Abbott Street to Pryor Street	1,000 Feet
Oakwood Street	Multi-use path	Frontage of Oakwood subdivision	400 Feet
Old Hillsborough Road	Multi-use path	Fairhaven Drive to Brockton Drive	1,500 Feet
Old Hillsborough Road	Multi-use path	Mebane Oaks Road to Summit Church Drive-way	390 Feet
E Stagecoach Road	Multi-use path	Lebanon Road to N Ninth Street	1,500 Feet
Wilson Road	Sidewalk	Frontage of McKay's Bookstore	290 Feet

Key Inputs:

- Existing Conditions
- Data Analysis
- Public/Stakeholder Engagement
- Prioritization Process
- Development of BPTP Draft – Oct. 10, 2023
- BPAC Meeting - Oct. 16, 2023
- Update BPTP Draft – Jan. 5, 2024
- Planning Board – Jan. 16, 2024
- City Council – February 5, 2024



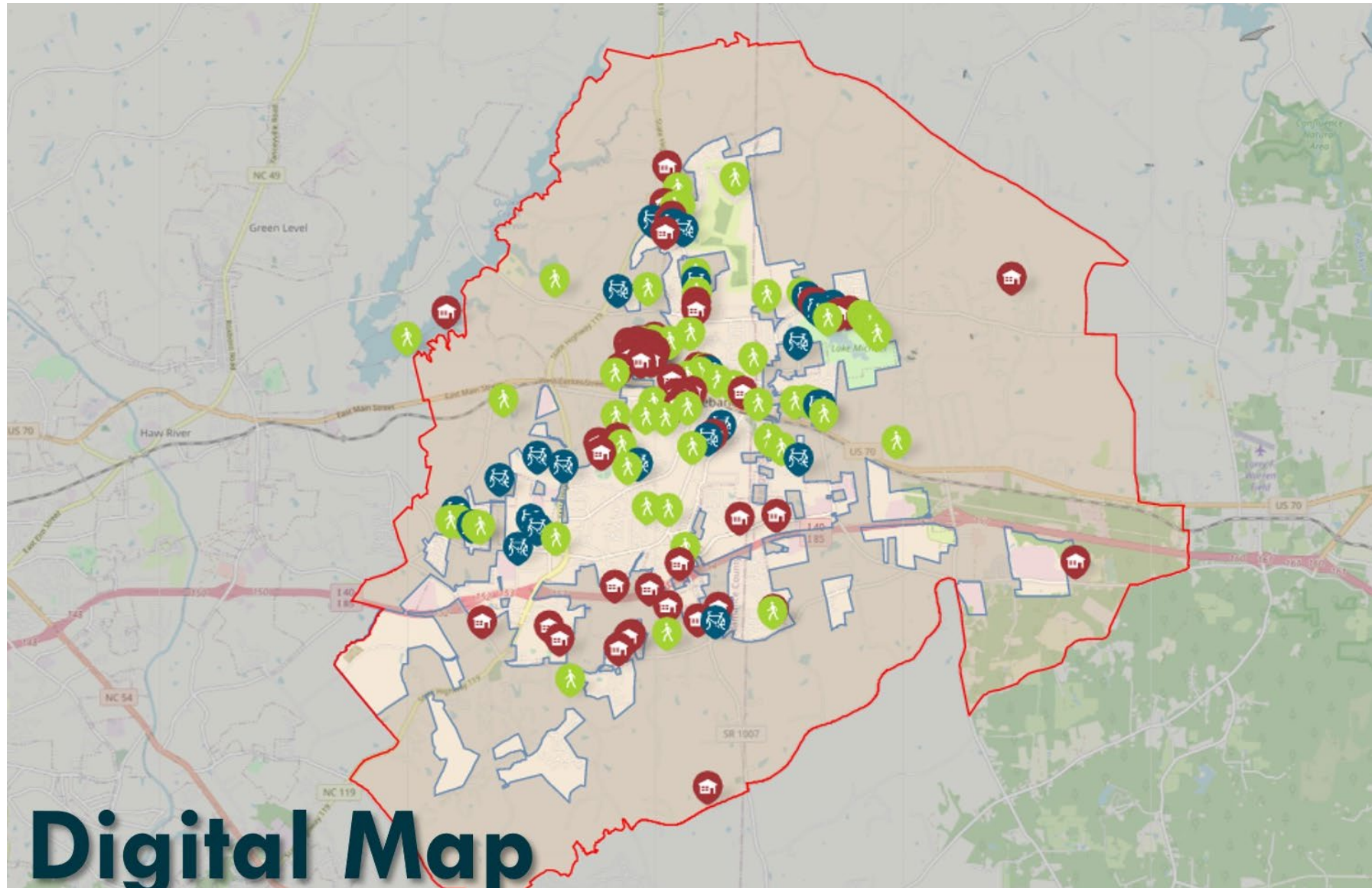
“A clean, connected, healthy, and active community where residents and visitors can experience nature, enjoy exercising, and travel safely by foot or by bicycle to local businesses, services, and schools.”

- **Goal #1: Build high-priority bicycle and pedestrian facilities** as part of a comprehensive network to better connect neighborhoods to the downtown, public spaces, and other important destinations.
- **Goal #2: Increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety** by reducing the number of bicycle and pedestrian-related accidents each year.
- **Goal #3: Improve pedestrian connectivity** by filling sidewalk gaps and providing crosswalks at intersections.
- **Goal #4: Continue and enhance community events to educate and encourage residents** to bike and walk to school, to local businesses and services.
- **Goal #5: Raise awareness and educate** decision-makers, stakeholders, interest groups, and the public on the benefits of bikeways, walkways, greenway trails, and active, healthy lifestyles.

Outreach Statistics

- 311 Statistically Valid Surveys & Open Link Surveys completed
 - 7,000 survey-invite postcards were mailed
- 153 Bicycle and Pedestrian Comments on the Digital Map & Ideas Wall
 - Interactive engagement via Social Pinpoint site
- 90 Focus Group & Public Meeting Attendees
- 75 In-person Mapping Exercise Points
- 23 Stakeholders Interviewed







Boyle Heights Beat
Handball provides exercise...



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Like Dislike

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ths to Like Dislike

Lacrosse is an up and coming sport for men and women, that was discussed prior to the artificial turf fields being built. This was not incorporated on the new fields. Flag football male and female league.

Recreational Programming | 2 months ago
Like Dislike

I would really love to see a paved pumptrack for bicycles. It is a great activity for all ages.



Bicycle Connectivity | 2 months ago
Like Dislike

We need to have a year round, enclosed, multi-pool facility for competition, such as the Sportsplex in Hillsborough or Cary Aquatic Center. There has been previous discussion about a YMCA with multiple city council members over the past 2 decades and nothing has been done. Our community needs something like this for all age groups, from infants to seniors. A complex like Sportsplex, with iceskating, pool, and workout is nice. Mebanites always have to go out of town to do YMCA activities.

Other/Misc. | 2 months ago
Like +6 Dislike -1

We need volleyball nets to be fixed, or add new ones, either is fine. Thank you.

Recreational Programming | 3 months ago
Like +1 Dislike

Would like to see outdoor pickleball courts not just tennis. Also more time allotted to indoor pickleball with lessons (paid and unpaid).

Other/Misc. | 3 months ago
Like +2 Dislike

Top Three Bike/Ped Priorities Selected by Survey Respondents:

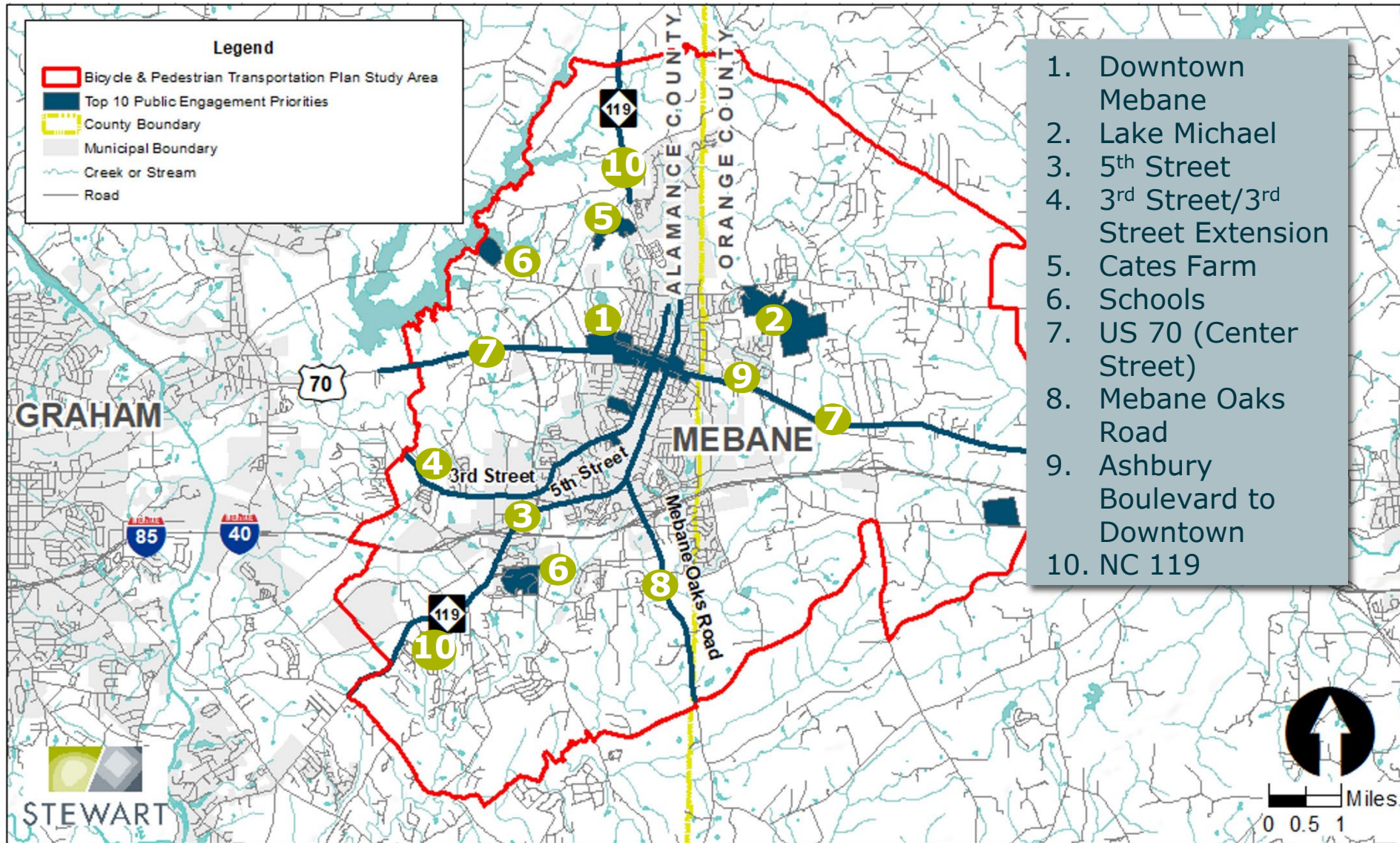
1. Improve sidewalk connectivity
2. Better connections to destinations (parks, shops, schools, and employment centers)
3. Off-street paths (greenways and multi-use paths)

Public Engagement Themes:

- Enhance the sidewalk network
- Crosswalk improvements or crosswalk installations
- Walking, biking and rolling to parks is important to Mebanites
- Existing bicycle facilities are insufficient



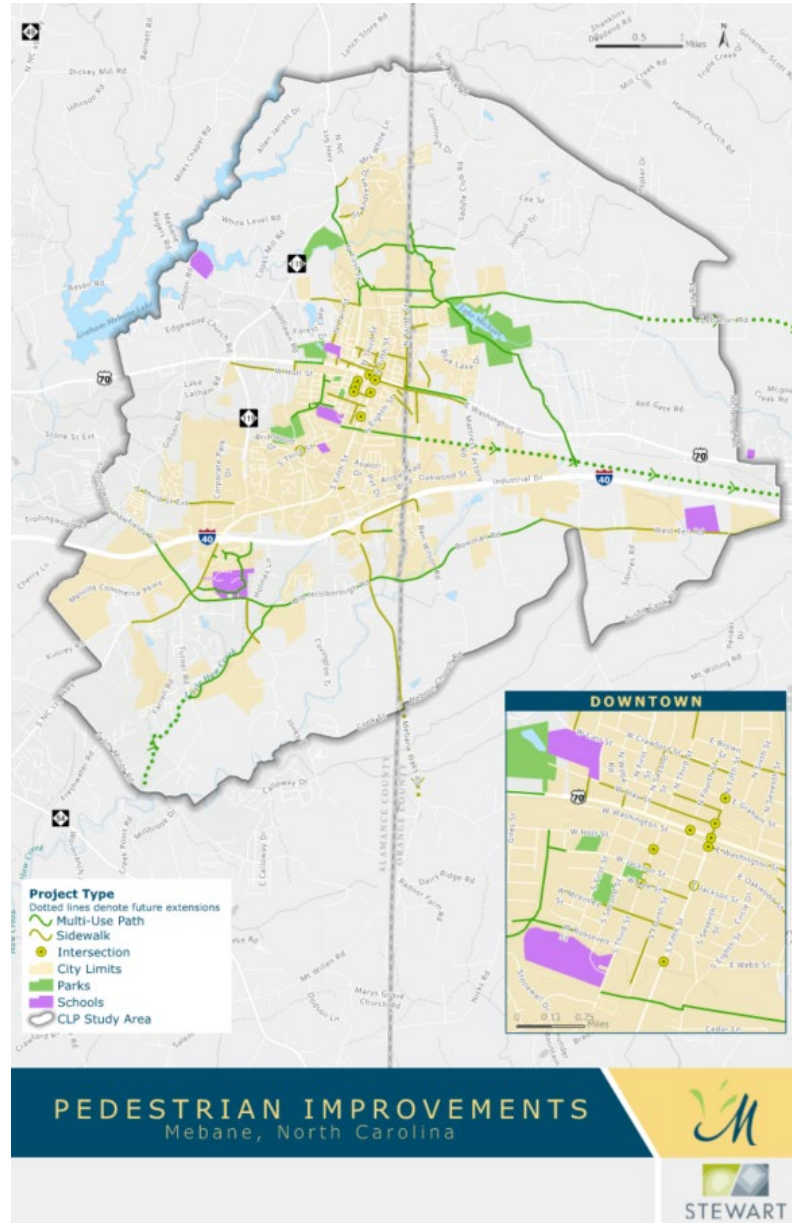
Top 10 Areas to Improve Walking, Rolling and Biking in Mebane



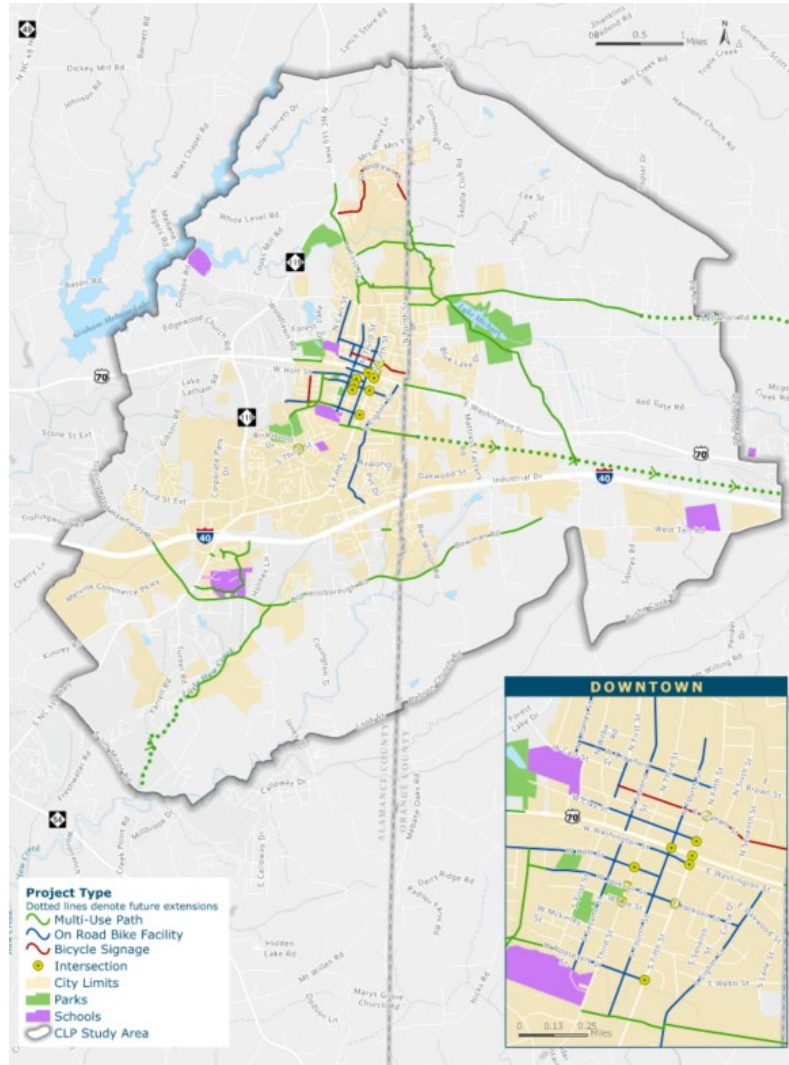
Top 10 Areas to Improve Walking, Rolling and Biking in Mebane

1. Connectivity around/to Downtown Mebane
2. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities from neighborhoods to Lake Michael Park and improving the existing trail system at Lake Michael Park
3. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities on 5th Street
4. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities on 3rd Street and 3rd Street Extension
5. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities from neighborhoods to Cates Farm Park
6. Improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity from surrounding neighborhoods to schools
7. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities on US 70 (Center Street)
8. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Mebane Oaks Road
9. Sidewalk connectivity from Ashbury Boulevard to Downtown Mebane
10. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities on NC 119

Pedestrian Improvement Projects Map



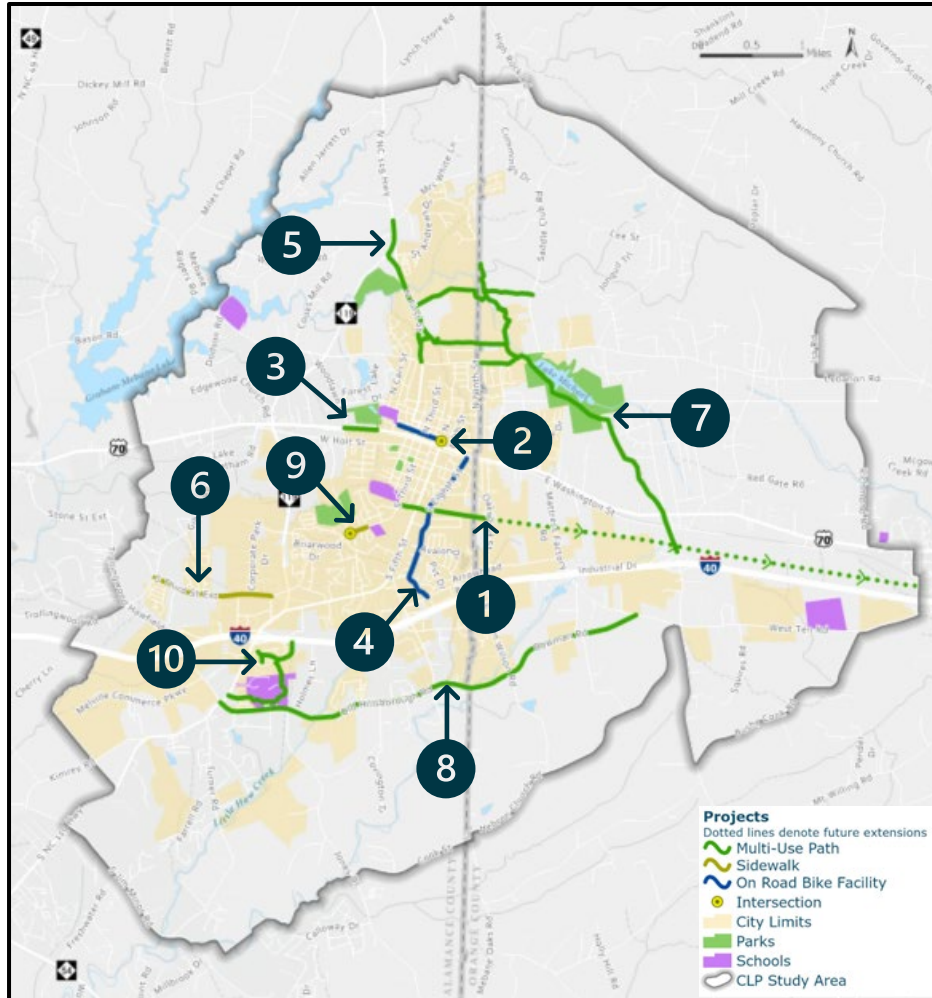
Bicycle Improvement Projects Map



BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS
Mebane, North Carolina



Top 10 Priority Projects



- 1. Central Mebane East-West Greenway** - multi-use path
- 2. Clay Street** - intersection improvements and on-road bike facility
- 3. U.S. 70 (Center Street)** - multi-use path
- 4. Eighth Street Bike Boulevard** - on-road bike facility
- 5. North First Street** - multi-use path
- 6. Third Street Extension** - sidewalk
- 7. Lake Michael Trail Connections** - multi-use path
- 8. Old Hillsborough Road and Bowman Road Connections** - multi-use path
- 9. South Third Street** - intersection improvements and sidewalk
- 10. Hawfields Greenway** - multi-use path

Overall Strategies:

1. Address sidewalk gaps and need for improved pedestrian crossings in downtown and other priority locations.
2. Continue to coordinate recommendations from other adopted plans.
3. Complete priority bicycle and pedestrian projects identified in this plan and track and identify funding for bicycle and pedestrian facility maintenance.
4. Consider pilot projects to test out roadway retrofits to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.
5. Support staff capacity and education on active transportation planning issues and design standards.
6. Adopt performance measures to track the City's progress on addressing the issues outlined in this plan.
7. Continue to support local and regional bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.



Policies and Standards:

8. Continue implementing the Complete Streets policy adopted in December of 2018.
9. Utilize the development review and approval process and coordinate with private development to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety.
10. Plan for routine, annual and remedial management and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
11. Ensure adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



Education and Encouragement:

12. Continue and build on current activities including the Annual Bike Rodeo and Bike Month promotion and events.
13. Support local bicycle and pedestrian centered organizations and events, such as run clubs and walking groups.
14. Encourage support and sponsorship from local businesses for bicycle and pedestrian events.
15. Coordinate with the BPAC and Mebane Public Information Officer (PIO) to increase public education and engagement around walking and bicycling. Make sure successes and project updates are publicly announced.
16. Promote use of bicycle and pedestrian facilities through more health-directed education related to the benefits of cardiovascular activity and wellness. Create literature and initiatives to educate community members on the benefits of active transportation and recreation. - Suggestion from BPAC member.