

CITY of MEBANE



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

2022 Annual Report & 2023 Work Plan





2022 IN REVIEW

Updated City Trail Map

The City Trail Map was revised to include Cates Farm Park and the Mebane Community Park. The new map also includes public restroom locations and park trails. New signs were installed at the Mebane Arts and Community Center, Lake Michael Park, and Centennial Park (Washington Street and Fifth Street).

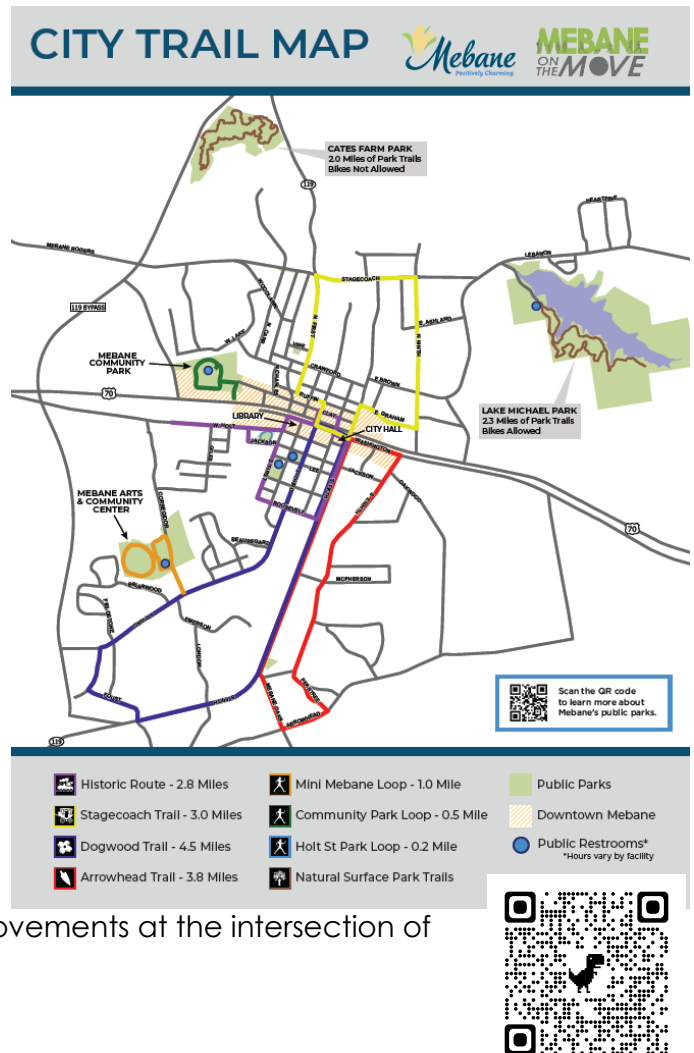
Ashbury Hot Spot Analysis

As a follow up to the BPAC's work on the Better Block Project in 2021, the City of Mebane contracted with Ramey Kemp and Associates to conduct a hot spot analysis of intersections in the Ashbury neighborhood, studying speeding in the neighborhood and analyzing possible traffic calming methods. As a result of the study, the BPAC has recommended funding crosswalk improvements at the intersection of Ashbury Boulevard and Mockingbird Lane.

Capital Projects

The City of Mebane is pursuing several capital projects that will expand bicycle and pedestrian access in Mebane. During the 2022 calendar year, the BPAC has received updates on two major projects:

- [North Mebane Multi-Use Path Network](#) – this network is driven by private development and would connect new residential developments and provide an east-west connection between Cate's Farm Park and Lake Michael Park.
- [Holt Street Greenway](#) – this greenway will connect Holt Street to Corregidor Street and South Third Street, encouraging greater interconnectivity and pedestrian/bicyclist access on the West side of the City.





Public Engagement

In 2022, the BPAC devoted a significant amount of time to public engagement and outreach projects.



Mebane Activity Challenge

Explore at least 4 bike and pedestrian opportunities in our town - win a prize!

How does it work?

- Before October 1, take a selfie taking part in at least 4 challenges below.
- Email bpac@cityofmebane.com with your pic and name
- We'll set you up with some Mebane swag!

Mebane challenges (4 of 5 for a prize)

- Do a mile in Mebane on the Mountains-to-Sea trail
- Try out the .2 mile paved loop track at Holt Street Park
- Bike or hike a trail at Lake Michael Park
- Hike one or both of the Cates Farms Loops!
- Explore one of Mebane's Urban trails; take a picture at a trail head



Dogwood Festival

At Mebane's 34th Annual Dogwood festival in April, BPAC members promoted the City's bike and trail networks and provided copies of the new City Trail Map.

National Bike Month Campaign and Mebane Activity Challenge

In May, BPAC members promoted national bike month with a social media campaign and local signs. The Mebane Activity Challenge also kicked off in May and ran through October. Residents were challenged to explore at least four bike or pedestrian trails in Mebane and submit pictures. Fifteen participants completed the challenge.





Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan

Work on updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan and the new Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan officially began in June. City staff and BPAC members have been working in coordination with the selected consultants, Berry Dunn for the Recreation and Parks Plan and Stewart for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Public engagement for the two plans was conducted from August through December. Focus group, stakeholder, and public meetings were held in August. A total of 90 individuals participated in focus group and public meetings and 23 stakeholders were interviewed. A public engagement booth was also set up at the Hometown Holidays festival in November.

Additionally, 311 individuals completed a survey for the two plans and more than 1,600 individuals visited an online engagement website that included an interactive map and ideas board. Over 150 bicycle and pedestrian comments were generated through the online website.

The development of these plans is expected to continue through Summer 2023.



2022 BPAC Members

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Rebecca Brouwer	City
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Katy Jones, Chair	At-large
Sylvia Sichi	City
Jason Smith	Alamance County ETJ
Nate Wood, Vice-Chair	City



2023 WORK PLAN

Projects & Programs

The BPAC has recommended dedication of discretionary funds for several projects in 2023.

- Improvements at the intersection of Ashbury Blvd and Mockingbird Ln (result of Better Block Project);
- Design and construction of crosswalks at S Second Street and W Lee Street;
- Acquisition and installation of 3 bike racks, with final locations determined after a bicycle rack audit;
- Bike safety promotional campaign.



The BPAC will continue to evaluate where safe crossings are needed and coordinate with staff to pursue them. Additionally, the BPAC plans to assist in organizing the annual bicycle rodeo, create a bike route map like the City Trails Map, and coordinate with the City's new Public Information Officer on a bicycle campaign. The BPAC will continue to look for opportunities to support ongoing City projects, such as the planned multi-use path networks and new recreation areas.



Capital Projects

The BPAC is supporting the City of Mebane moving forward with many bicycle and pedestrian projects identified in the Capital Improvements Plan, including:

- Sidewalk projects in the areas of N Second Street, W Crawford Street, and S Third Street Extension
- Holt Street Greenway, with potential preliminary design for a Third-to-Fifth Connector Greenway

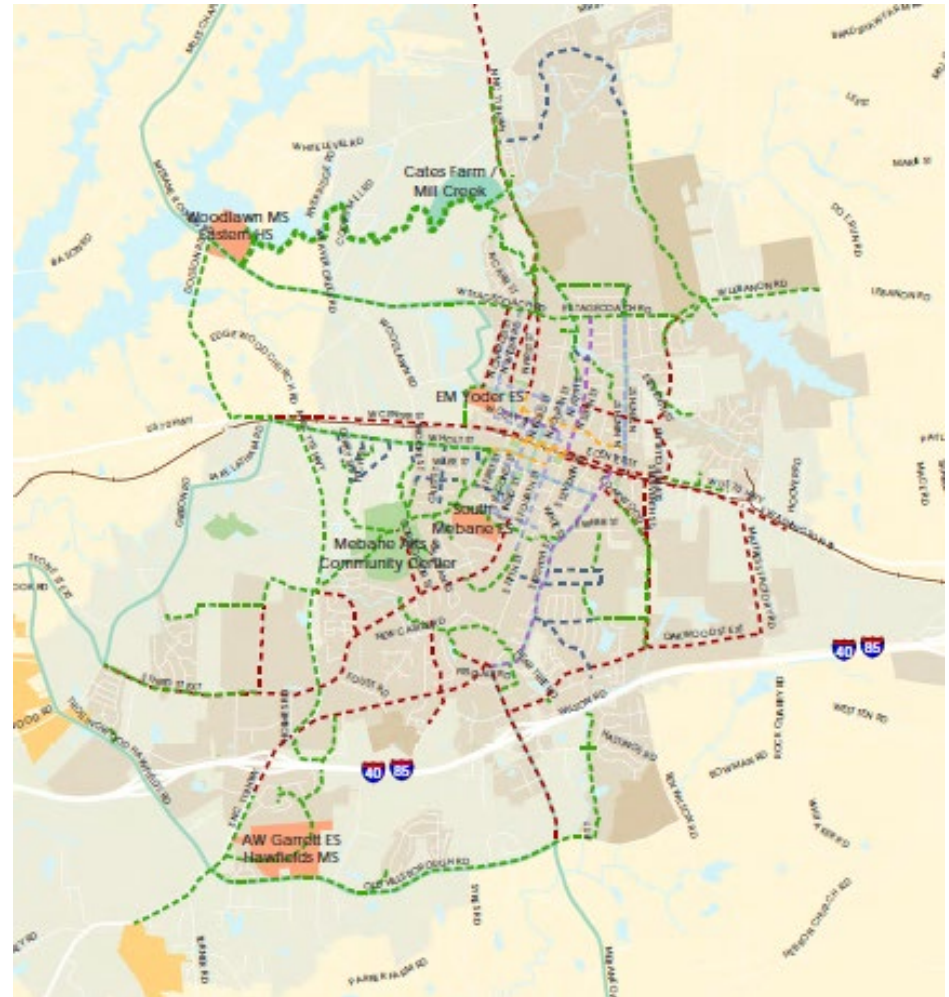


Updates to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan

The BPAC will continue to play a significant and important role in funded updates to the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan](#), which is being developed in conjunction with the new Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan. The process began in June 2022 and final documents are expected in Summer 2023.

Updates to the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan* will address the following immediate needs:

- Expand the plan's study area to align with the focus areas and geography of *Mebane By Design*, the City's Comprehensive Land Development Plan, and consider future growth areas.
- Incorporate recommendations from the 2040 *Comprehensive Transportation Plan* (2018) and *Downtown Vision Plan* (2019).
- Evaluate current recommendations and address those that are not feasible.
- Review and update the prioritization criteria and schedule.
- Provide updated project cutsheets and maps.
- Further develop design standards and policy recommendations to support the integration of multi-modal transportation with land use planning.



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