

Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan

In July of 2013, the town received a planning grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning to develop a comprehensive pedestrian plan. In accordance with the grant program requirements, the town has completed a municipal reimbursement agreement with NCDOT, initiated a request for proposals to qualified firms, and, in October of 2013, the Board of Commissioners appointed a steering committee. The scope of work for this project includes the following.

Identify critical municipal needs for planning and/or implementation of infrastructure improvements with an emphasis on improved connectivity and safety.

Engage the public as part of plan development, build on existing municipal or regional initiatives, and coordinate with regional or neighboring community plans.

Develop a strategy of capital improvements, policies and actions that support pedestrian transportation through Engineering, Education, Encouragement and Enforcement.

Develop a planning document and map that follows the Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan template and meets the NCDOT requirements for inclusion in State and Division planning.

To date the following activities have taken place:

- Town staff developed and issued an NCDOT approved RFP, and the town received five qualified proposals in response.
- The steering committee held an initial meeting and selected Alta Planning and Design as the consultant (summary notes attached).
- Consultant has been approved by NCDOT and staff is working with consultant to develop a contract and to confirm schedule for the next steering committee meeting (tentatively set for January 22, 2014) and action steps moving forward.

For more information on these initiatives, please contact Planning Director Elizabeth Teague at 252-449-2006.