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1 MINUTES
2 **STAUNTON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
3 January 20, 2026
4 4:30 p.m.
5 Planning Conference Room
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7 PRESENT: Dan Wright
8 Jim Printy
9 Aaron Barner
10 Sara Hollberg
11 Brian Brown
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14 ALSO PRESENT: Rodney Rhodes, Director of Community Development; Meggie Taylor,
15 Long Range & Comprehensive Planner
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17 Ms. Hollberg called the January 20, 2026 meeting of the Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
18 Committee to order at 4:33 PM.
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21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

22 Mr. Printy moved to approve the minutes with two corrections. Seconded by Mr. Brown, all
23 approved.
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26 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

27 Discussion of a connector path from the Villages to the Statler Square area; city staff will look into
28 a preliminary proposal for this.
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31 **NEW BUSINESS**

32 Annual report: looks good to the Committee.
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34 Work plan: intro paragraphs are largely unchanged from the previous (2022) plan and they should
35 be revised to reflect recent progress which informed the changes to the rest of the plan. City staff
36 will revise the intro paragraphs. Substance of the work plan as edited at today's meeting was voted
37 on: moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Printy, all approved.
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39 BPAC bylaws resolution: has been revised as discussed at previous meetings. Has been reviewed
40 by the City Attorney and is ready to go to City Council for approval. Draft reviewed by committee.
41 Mr. Wright moved to approve the draft, seconded by Mr. Brown, all approved.
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44 **OLD BUSINESS**

45 Updates:

46 Commerce Rd greenway – VDOT will have a public hearing Feb. 25th in City Hall Council
47 Chambers, 4-6pm. Not a formal presentation, but plans will be available for review with VDOT
48 and city staff available to answer questions.
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Statewide BPAC meeting will be held Jan 27th, 10am-1pm in Mechanicsville; there is a virtual attendance option.

HSIP intersection improvements – was presented to City Council on Jan 8. Will be a followup presentation due to some confusion. [Link to presentation](#)

Active Transportation Grant – City has applied for and received money for a demonstration project along Beveley Street. Intent is to use this grant money to demonstrate feasibility of Beveley HSIP improvements.

CIP – introduced to planning commission last week. As previously reported, bike/ped related reserves are being combined into a single reserved for walking and biking facilities. Will make the reserve more flexible. Increased funding for sidewalk improvements that go into this reserve has been proposed.

Edgewood sidewalk project has been re-estimated and is even more costly than expected. City staff continues to work on this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting scheduled for April 21st at 4:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sara Hollberg adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Staunton Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	April 21 st , 2026	Staff Member(s):
Item #	6A	Susan Wilson, Transportation Planner
Department:	Community Development, Planning & Zoning Division	Meggie Taylor, Long Range Planner
		Rodney Rhodes, Director of Community Development
Subject:	W Beverley Street Demonstration Project	

Background: A VDOT STARS safety study identified ten intersections for pedestrian safety improvements—including seven downtown and three along Beverley Street. Based on that study, the city applied for and was awarded over \$2 million in **HSIP grants** for construction set to begin in Summer 2027. This work will make downtown safer by adding countdown signals, better crosswalks, and "bulb outs" (curb extensions) that shorten the distance you have to walk across the street. Because these changes will permanently narrow parts of Beverley Street from two lanes to one, the city is using a new **Virginia Walkability Action Institute (VWAI)** grant to launch a low-cost "demonstration project" this June. This temporary setup lets us use things like planters and benches to test the new layout and see how people actually use the street before we start the final construction. It will help us get real-world feedback and lets everyone imagine a more inviting, safer downtown while there is still time to make adjustments.

Discussion: Staff will discuss what areas the BPAC could be of most assistance with the demonstration project.

Attachments:

1. None.

Action needed: No formal action needed.

Staunton Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Meeting Date:	April 21 st , 2026	Staff Member(s):
Item #	6B	Susan Wilson, Transportation Planner
Department:	Community Development, Planning & Zoning Division	Meggie Taylor, Long Range Planner
		Rodney Rhodes, Director of Community Development
Subject:	Committee Roles & Priorities	

Background: An updated Work Plan and Bylaws for BPAC were approved by City Council on February 12, 2026.

Discussion: The committee will discuss how to forward with the updates, including how to effectively implement the new work plan.

Attachments:

1. BPAC Work Plan
2. BPAC Bylaws
3. [Greenways Plan \(link\)](#)
4. [Bike & Pedestrian Plan \(link\)](#)

Action needed: No formal action needed.



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan

Updated January 2026

The Staunton Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) Work Plan establishes the committee's Mission and Vision as a foundation to identify organizational linkages, resources, and strategic goals. First adopted in 2016 and last updated in May 2022, this plan reaffirms that a strong non-motorized network is essential for Staunton. Residents and visitors rely on these connections not only for recreation in urban parks like Gypsy Hill and Montgomery Hall, but as vital commuting routes for the essential workforce and access to local businesses and destinations.

Since 2022, BPAC's emphasis has been on cycling improvements as the city designed and completed its first bike routes, on W Beverley Street and Churchville Avenue. Recent efforts have been focused on developing a fuller pedestrian plan (including conducting sidewalk surveys) and laying groundwork for the updating of the Bike and Ped Plan.

Recent trends have brought significant public initiatives and private development proposals that will shape the city, including West End revitalization efforts, projects on Middlebrook Road, and continued growth at Staunton Crossing. These proposals prompt timely consideration of how to meet pedestrian and cycling goals as this development occurs. Accordingly, this Work Plan seeks to solidify BPAC's role in the community and clearly identify areas where the committee can be of the most use.

BPAC Mission

- To foster a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community by advising the City of Staunton on behalf of its residents and visitors.

BPAC Vision

- To help the community achieve the many benefits of a safe, robust bicycle and pedestrian system and help implement well-designed and cost-effective investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Linkages

The BPAC has seen strong community support in several areas such as public participation in developing the Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (SBPP) and Greenways plan. The committee has other linkages or connections to many groups where it could hopefully provide insight on bike and pedestrian initiatives or help leverage resources to complete meaningful projects.

- City Departments
 - Community Development
 - Parks and Recreation

- Public Works
- Schools
- Police
- Economic Development and Tourism
- VA Department of Transportation (VDOT)
- Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC)
 - Staunton Augusta Waynesboro MPO
 - BRITE Bus System
- Community Groups & Organizations focused on the overall health and wellbeing of our community
- Community Events
- Local bike and/or pedestrian related Businesses
- Property Owners

Resources

The BPAC has limited resources as a volunteer committee that reports to the Community Development Department and the Planning Commission and relies primarily on the support of city staff and partner organizations for the implementation of priorities

Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives listed below are a broad set of activities the group can undertake in the near and long-term as well as annual events or actions. Achieving many of these goals will require several smaller steps. The BPAC work-plan is based on the 5 E's from the American League of Bicyclists. These include Education , Encouragement , Engineering ,Evaluation and Planning, and Equity and Accessibility.

Goal	Next Steps (Objectives)	Timeframe
Support Greenways	• Seek adoption of the Greenways Plan into the Comprehensive Plan • Support implementation	6 – 12 Months
Define Outreach Activities and seek partners & sponsorships for projects and events	• Identify and prioritize existing or upcoming events for collaborative participation with linkage groups. • Improve web and social media presence through the city communications manager	Ongoing
Continue implementation of SBPP	• Revisit the SBBP periodically to consider new objectives as a result of recent and planned development or trends • Identify low-cost, low-risk pilot projects • Prioritize connections to existing pedestrian and bike facilities • Seek support and guidance (Va Dept Conservation & Recreation, VDOT, and other resources)	Ongoing

	• Support bike safety training and driver education	
Support improvements to urban trails	• Identify and suggest ways to improve urban trails • Assist with pursuing a master plan and funding for design and construction of Betsy Bell trails • Support development of new urban trails as described in the Greenways Plan	Ongoing
Encourage policies to work with private entities to improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity	• Identify opportunities to work with landowners and developers • Seek city policies to require sidewalks and/or connection to trails as development occurs • Seek city policies encouraging connectivity between developments • Serve as an advocate for bicycle and pedestrian travel as needed	Ongoing
Support Development of Multimodal Transportation Plan	• Serve as a major stakeholder for the city's upcoming Multimodal Transportation Plan	1-2 Years
Support a repository for bicycle and pedestrian related information	• Centralize Digital Resources: Collaborate with City staff to curate a dedicated webpage or online hub that houses current trail maps, safety guides, and relevant local ordinances. • Establish Physical Info Hubs: Identify key community locations (such as the library, visitor center, or rec center) to maintain a stocked supply of printed bicycle and pedestrian brochures and maps. • Audit Existing Materials: Conduct an annual review of all public information to ensure that maps, routes, and safety data are accurate and up-to-date.	Ongoing

Priorities

The following projects have been identified as priorities by the BPAC. They will build on the Goals and Objectives of the work plan and are included in the SBPP, Greenways Plan, or other transportation plans. BPAC members are putting these projects forward as priorities because they can be put into place quickly and cost effectively but also incrementally as opportunities to partner with linkage groups come about. While these projects are beginning, BPAC members will continue to try and meet with linkage groups and find other ways to advocate for improved bicycle and pedestrian safety and infrastructure in Staunton.

The BPAC has been working with the Parks and Recreation Commission to define and implement safety improvements in and around GHP with an initial focus on educational

messaging and signage for the bicycle and pedestrian loop, Constitution Drive. To further these safety goals, the committee plans to collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Department on an education and safety outreach event. Additionally, the two groups recommend installing way-finding signage to highlight the Wharf to GHP route from the Greenways Plan.

Acting as a vital community liaison, the BPAC bridges the gap between residents and City staff to ensure public input is central to future infrastructure projects. The committee aims to facilitate community engagement to gather diverse feedback on upcoming bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

The BPAC remains committed to supporting the ongoing implementation of the SBPP. Additionally, the committee will serve as a major stakeholder group to provide guidance on the City's upcoming Multimodal Transportation Plan.

Lastly, the BPAC will work to advance educational programs and policies to enhance Bicyclist and Pedestrian safety such as increasing driver awareness and drawing from lessons learned with the GHP safety improvements (multiple city departments and goals).

Conclusion

The City has consistently received feedback that the public desires safe places to walk, run, and ride bicycles. Beyond recreation, these modes of travel are important to residents and visitors who walk to services and destinations throughout the City, employees (especially of essential businesses) who rely on non-motorized transportation, and students that want an independent way to travel to school. The BPAC developed this work plan to build on its Mission and Vision to make bicycle and pedestrian travel safer and more accessible in Staunton. It establishes linkages and defines important and achievable Goals and Objectives for improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. We look forward to working with our community to put this plan in motion.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON,
VIRGINIA APPROVING AMENDED BYLAWS
FOR THE STAUNTON BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted in 2014, the Council of the City of Staunton established the Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to advise the City concerning ways to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the BPAC has served as a vital link between the community and the City, aiding in the development of the Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and the Greenways Plan; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the Committee continues to operate effectively and aligns with current City goals and administrative procedures, it is necessary to periodically review and update the Committee's governing bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Committee and City staff have reviewed the existing bylaws and have recommended amendments to better reflect the Committee's current Work Plan, mission, and operational needs; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to approve the amended bylaws to support the continued success of the Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that:

1. The Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is hereby reaffirmed to advise the City Council, City Manager, and City staff on the implementation of city plans, and to serve as a community liaison regarding the safety, education, and development of a walkable and bikeable community. The Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall have the following duties:
 - a. to prepare a bicycle and pedestrian program work plan setting forth goals and objectives, subject to approval by City Council;
 - b. to review the work plan annually and propose updates to it, as needed, with such updates subject to approval by City Council;
 - c. to review data inventories on walking and biking in the City; and
 - d. to make an annual report to City Council concerning the activities of the committee and the fulfillment of the goals and objectives set forth in the work plan.
2. The Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall generally have the following additional duties, to the extent requested by the City Council or City Manager or designee as to specific matters:

- a. to advise city staff on bicycle and pedestrian related matters;
 - b. to assist in implementation, and achievement of the goals, of any bicycle and pedestrian plan that may be adopted by the City;
 - c. to work with the City to achieve safe bicycle and pedestrian connectivity for all citizens;
 - d. to solicit input and feedback from community members and local advocates on bicycling and pedestrian matters, to promote active transportation through community engagement, and to conduct public education campaigns on relevant policies and best practices;
 - e. to perform such additional functions or duties as may be so identified as to specific matters by the City Council or City Manager or designee.
3. The Staunton Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed by City Council, at least one of whom shall be a sworn law enforcement officer of the Staunton Police Department. The Council shall give first consideration to the following categories of applicants:
 - a. a representative of a bicycle or pedestrian advocacy group;
 - b. a representative of an organization concerned with education and safety;
 - c. a representative of a business organization; or
 - d. an interested private citizen concerned with non-motorized transportation issues.

Each committee member shall be appointed by City Council for a two (2) year term. The Committee shall annually elect from its membership the following officers by a majority vote of a quorum of the Committee:

- A Chair, to serve as presiding officer;
 - A Vice Chair, to preside in the absence of the Chair; and
 - A Secretary, to be responsible for taking minutes of the meetings.
4. The Director of Community Development shall be responsible for the assignment of staff support to the committee in the exercise of its functions, powers and duties.
 5. All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public and otherwise held in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
 6. Nothing in this resolution shall modify or curtail the functions, duties or authority of other public bodies, including the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

(Insert signatures)

Staunton Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Item #	7A	Susan Wilson, Transportation Planner
Department:	Community Development, Planning & Zoning Division	Meggie Taylor, Long Range Planner
		Rodney Rhodes, Director of Community Development
Subject:	Gypsy Hill Park Pavement Markings & Signage	

Background: Since 2020, BPAC has prioritized enhancing safety for pedestrians and bicyclists within Gypsy Hill Park. While recent efforts have introduced new signage to clarify the proper direction of travel for all users, more work is needed to create a safer, multi-modal environment.

Discussion: To move these safety goals forward, City Staff is currently finalizing a contract with a professional pavement marking company. Once the contract is in place, this partner will be responsible for installing the high-visibility “sharrows” and other markings designed to remind drivers to share the road, helping everyone travel safely through the park.

Attachments:

1. None.

Action needed: No formal action needed.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Planning & Zoning Division

Staunton Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	April 21 st , 2026	Staff Member(s): Rodney Rhodes, Director of Community Development
Item #	8A	
Department:	Community Development, Planning & Zoning Division	
Subject:	Updates on City Projects	

Background: Mr. Rhodes will provide an update on various city projects.

Discussion:

1. VDOT Projects
 - a. Commerce Road Project
2. Multi-Modal Transportation Plan
3. Spring Paving Schedule
 - a. Link to interactive map:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/3b45e1d6c44f45b98956d4f241316992>

Attachments:

1. None.

Action needed: None.