



## TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN Active Mobility Commission

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711 and/or online

Date: April 19, 2022 Time: 6:00 **Regular Meeting**

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>   | Chair             |
| <b>II. Quorum</b>   |                   |
| <b>III. Public Comment</b>  |                   |
| <i>Public Comment will also be permitted after each discussion.</i> |                   |
| <b>IV. Agenda</b> -review and modify                                |                   |
| <b>V. Adoption of Minutes</b>                                       | Chair             |
| <b>VI. Old Business</b>   |                   |
| a. Update on First Street/Midland Sharrow                           | Julia Weatherford |
| b. Update on I-40 Underpass   | Julia Weatherford |
| c. Update on Cragmont Park  | Julia Weatherford |
| <b>VII. New Business</b>  |                   |
| <b>VIII. Discussion</b>   |                   |
| <b>IX. Adjournment</b>  | Chair             |



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**AVISO PÚBLICO**

**BLACK MOUNTAIN ACTIVE MOBILITY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**REUNIÓN ORDINARIA**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Martes 19 de abril de 2022, a las 6:00 p.m.**

The Black Mountain Active Mobility Commission will meet for their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room of Town Hall.

La Comisión de Movilidad Activa de Black Mountain se reunirá para su meeting mensual **el martes 19 de abril de 2022, a las 6:00 p.m.** en la sala de conferencias del Ayuntamiento.

The meeting is open to the public.  
La reunión está abierta al público

  
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**Jennifer Tipton**  
**Senior Admin**

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Date: Feb. 15, 2022 Time: 6:00 Regular Meeting

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- I. **Call to Order** Chair
- II. **Quorum**  
Julia Weatherford, Julie White, Mike Sobel, Cindy Costen, Brandon Moffit, Elizabeth Williams  
staff: Jennifer Tipton, Jake Hair  
visitors: Council Member Pam King, Shawn Sloan
- III. **Public Comment**
- IV. **Agenda** -accepted
- V. **Adoption of Minutes** Chair
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. Follow up on Jan. Recommendations to Council
  - b. Maintenance, Pam recommended that the committee put together a volunteer plan for trail maintenance. that way the Council could have in front of them to make decisions about volunteer maintenance approval.
  - c. Japanese Knotweed can possibly be taken care of with non-invasive technique that volunteers can do.
  - d. Painting the entire under the bridge with graffiti proof white paint should be done after the asphalt plant opens back up and the necessary repairs are made. Town is waiting on bids for painting the bridge and should hear about it next week. Jennifer said the estimated time to finish the project is early spring.
  - e. The Cragmont Park walking trail is progressing. Jenifer said Jessica is communicating with Jamie in Maintenance about getting the first section cleared out for rock surface to be laid. The first part is a smaller loop and the larger part is the lower loop. The gravel is upper section and bottom section Jake said he thinks Jessica is going to check on the stream movement for the final path approval. Pam said there is no money for this year to finish the last lower loop section but there will be a request in next

- year's budget to finish the Cragmont link to 70.
- f. The Greenways Committee can help with fundraising.
- g. Commission and Committee both want to keep engineering studies for going under highway 9 for the Riverwalk project. 30% of engineering is already done. A ball park figure is 700 K is estimated to finish engineering and construction of the under Hwy 9 section.

## **VII. New Business**

### **Bike sharrow project along Midland**

The Commission has been asked to comment on the alignment of the sharerown on Midway and First Street.

### **Questions and Comments**

- a. Julia Weatherford comments that the alignment on First Street Midland is a significant improvement over a sharrow on US70, but feels like a multi use path would be better for the community as a whole. We are hoping the multi use path is still imminent with the DOT funding and the sharrow is a short term fix to give the community the perception of progress.
- b. Julie White wants to know if this new Sharow will be able to satisfy requirements for the Faunta Flora trail? Black mountain is a main corridor for that trail. Jennifer does not know about FF trail but Jessica has checked with DOT and they are onboard. Jennifer and or Jake will inquire about the Flauta Flora requirements.
- c. Sharrows won't help pedestrian just as sidewalks don't help bicycling. After the sharrow is completed will the town continue to move forward with the multi use path using DOT funding that has been set aside? A multi use trail would be more appealing for the community. The Commission would like to see a picture of Midland Property line and right of way by daycare on Midland Avenue and get the width of the Alley to see if this is a potential future multi use path.
- d. The first 6 houses on 1st st there is a 6 foot of space that would get to the alley that would eliminate the sidewalks issue on first st. Jake agreed to get the width of alley to see if it is viable option for continuing forward with the multi use path. If the alley could be used, the community would flourish with a multipath.
- e. Are we using the federal DOT funds for the sharrow project? Or will this be done in house?
- f. Brandon said A sharrow is helpful but investing in buffers could be used to keep cyclists safer. Investing in safety will be an attraction that will immeasurably strengthen the Black Mountain community. The River Arts District has buffers and it is a successful addition to their infrastructure.
- g. Will there be a pedestrian crossing upgrade at Hwy 70? Jennifer responds that both intersections need upgrades and that will this be part of the plan.
- h. If we are using DOT money we should invest in long term community infrastructure.
- i. Pam said that the council approved the Sharrow to show forward movement in the plan. Pam said she was ready for forward moment in the Greenways.

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## **VIII. Discussion**

- a. Mike Sobel: The Greenways plans were developed in 1994 and only have the plan on paper to show for it.. Mike Solbol has had contact with a couple of engineers at the Withers Ravenel engineering group about a 3rd party review. They have done many greenways. Mike wants a 3rd party review on the progress. He will be putting a proposal in writing for the town council and would be willing to pay for the review if necessary if the council refuses to pay for it.. Mike is putting together a request/proposal for a 3rd party review for the council to review. He wants to see the paper trail to see what has happened with the money we have spent towards the greenways. Brandon agrees that it is important to know what amount has been spent with no progress. How is our money being spent? How much has been spent? Mike answered in excess of 600k.
- b. Woodfin created a bond to build their bridge. Do we need to create a bond to get the Greenways going?

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair

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