Durham BPAC Overview

Triangle Bike/Ped Regional Workshop

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Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)

- Formed in 2001
- Mission:
  - Advise City Council and County Commissioners on bicycle and pedestrian issues
  - Drive the implementation of the Durham Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan and DurhamWalks! Pedestrian Plan, both adopted in 2006
- BPAC meets monthly
- Four committees
  - Bike / Ped Plan Implementation & Evaluation
  - Development Review
  - Education and Encouragement
  - Community Engagement
- Website: www.bikewalkdurham.org
- Bike-ped listserv: > 500 participants
Durham BPAC Membership

- 17 voting members, appointed by City, County, or liaison group
- Staff resource: Dale McKeel, Durham Bike-Ped Coordinator

Durham BPAC retreat, Jan2013
Key Accomplishments

2012
Site Plans and Rezonings

- BPAC reviewed and commented on more than 150 development site plans and 20 rezoning cases
  - Ensure that pedestrian and bicycle amenities are included in new developments
Bike Lane Projects

- BPAC promoted, advised, and tracked road resurfacing projects to add bike lanes
  - 2010 – 3.8 miles of bike lanes added on 7 roads
  - 2011 – 3.3 miles of bike lanes on 5 roads
  - 2012 – 4.0 miles of bike lanes on 5 roads

Durham now has a total of more than 32 miles of bike lanes!
Sidewalk / Crosswalk Projects

- BPAC promoted, advised, and tracked sidewalk and pedestrian crossing signal projects
  - 2010 – about 5 miles of new sidewalks and 13 signals
  - 2011 – about 1.5 miles of new sidewalks and 5 signals
  - 2012 – 7 new sidewalk projects, 13 signals, 571 street lights
Trail Projects

- BPAC promoted, advised, and tracked trail projects
  - Old Chapel Hill Road Trail – acquiring right of way
  - West Ellerbe Creek Trail – detailed design completed
  - Duke Beltline – hoping for corridor purchase agreement
American Tobacco Trail Phase E

- 4.2 miles from Fayetteville Road to Chatham County line, including bridge over I-40
- Construction started June 2012, target completion July 2013
- Grand opening celebration planned for early fall 2013

Construction of American Tobacco Trail Phase E I-40 Bridge
ATT Safety / Security Issues

- In response to assaults on the ATT during 2012, a number of actions were taken to improve safety / security
  - More police patrols and undercover
  - New citizens trail patrol group
  - Environmental analysis
  - New signs and location markers
  - Security cameras
  - Awareness events and personal safety training

Durham Police patrol the ATT, October 2012
Citizen Outreach

- BPAC participated in many 2012 events with an information table, bike valet parking, or other support:
  - Earth Day bike valet
  - Bike to Work Week
  - Festival for the Eno
  - Bull City Open Streets
  - Kidical Mass
  - New Belgium Tour de Fat
Durham Bike & Hike Map

- Map updated to 2nd edition in 2012
- Distributed more than 10,000 copies to date
Bicycle Friendly Community

- Durham achieved a Bronze award in 2010 as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists!
- BPAC is working on areas of improvement with goal of advancing to Silver level in 2014
Summary

- Durham rolled on in 2012 towards becoming a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community
- Let’s keep marching forward together!