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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Nancy McFarlane  
**FROM:** Amy Simes, Chair - Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission  
**RE:** Proposed 2016-2017 BPAC Work Plan  
**DATE:** 6/7/2016

During our annual retreat in February and again at our May 16 meeting, the Raleigh Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) reviewed items on our previously adopted 2015-2016 Work Plan and discussed priorities for 2016-2017.

The Raleigh BPAC has worked over the past year to achieve the goals we set out to accomplish along with additional opportunities identified throughout the year. Some highlights include:

- Oversaw the completion of the Bicycle Plan Update;
- Improved the outreach of the Commission to various community and neighborhood organizations; and
- Reviewed multiple City capital improvement projects for bicycle and pedestrian integration;
- Provided input and feedback on the City's application for Bicycle Friendly Community designation; and,
- Promoted and participated in annual Bike Month activities and events.

Some highlights of our proposed 2016-2017 Work Plan are:

- Promoting the implementation of a bikeshare system in Raleigh;
- Providing input on the bicycle and pedestrian related items in the proposed Comprehensive Plan update;
- Promoting the City's application for Walk Friendly Community designation;
- Promoting improvement of the City's current bronze-level Bike Friendly City designation; and
- Continuing our outreach to residents through presentations and promotion of biking and walking events and education opportunities.

By a unanimous vote, the BPAC recommends adoption of our proposed 2016-2017 Work Plan. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## DRAFT BPAC 2016-2017 Work Plan

### **General Commission Initiatives:**

- Coordinate and participate in the annual Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian Workshop
- Provide input on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Update
- Monitor Citywide bicycle and pedestrian crash data
- Promote the City's application for Walk Friendly Community designation
- Promote improving the City's current bronze-level Bike Friendly City designation

### **Community Outreach Committee:**

- Partner with local schools, government agencies, and advocate groups to develop Safe Routes to School initiatives, and promote Bike to School and Walk to School activities.
- Participate in NCDOT's "Watch for Me, NC" Campaign to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety messages citywide
- Improve the public understanding of BPAC by increasing, promoting, and expanding:
  - interest in the BPAC social media (Facebook page, bikeraaleigh.org blog)
  - public participation and interaction with bike/pedestrian initiatives
  - BPAC events and programs that benefit citizens
  - education for the public on sidewalk funding processes
- Visit and present to neighborhood CAC's throughout the year
- Develop and host Bike Month Activities and Events
- Promote the Raleigh Bicycle Benefits Program via events and regular rides
- Follow up with organizations and participants to sustain involvement

### **Bicycle Planning Committee:**

- Expand the bicycle parking program
- Develop an On-Road Bicycle Wayfinding & Signage Plan that enhances existing infrastructure, improves the usability of the bicycle network, and encourages short bicycle trips
- Promote the implementation of a bike share program in Raleigh by advocating for implementation funding and sponsorships
- Review concerns regarding parking conflicts in bike lanes and consider possible policy or code changes as necessary



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**Pedestrian Planning Committee:**

- Promote the WalkRaleigh brand; encourage approval for installation along all pilot corridors and expansion to additional corridors
- Encourage expanding the use of leading pedestrian interval signals to additional high traffic locations
- Advocate for more targeted crosswalk enforcement campaigns throughout the City
- Coordinate access to transit initiatives with GoRaleigh and GoTriangle to promote sidewalk improvements and advocate for bus stop amenities (benches, shelters, bike parking, etc.)
- Coordinate with City staff to develop a sidewalk maintenance outreach campaign that may include:
  - promoting SeeClickFix reporting for sidewalk repairs
  - conducting pedestrian safety audits to identify needed repairs
  - reporting sidewalk maintenance expenditures by location
- Advocate for the implementation of the City's various corridor studies
- Promote October as "Walktober" by coordinating walking-related events

**Joint Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Committee:**

- Promote implementation of the NCDOT "WalkBike, NC" master plan in Raleigh
- Monitor NCDOT Complete Streets implementation to ensure future street projects are designed and constructed for all modes
- Monitor Unified Development Ordinance implementation and promote bicycle and pedestrian friendly policies and standards
- Continue coordinating with the Parks, Recreation & Greenways Advisory Board on greenways and special event impacts
- Explore having an Open Streets event

