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Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee Recommended Appointments

Following the establishment by resolution of the Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee by the Board of Commissioners on October 7, 2025, an application to serve on the committee was released on the County's website the next day. The application period was set for one month, and during that time 42 applications were received including 35 residents and 7 representatives from partner governments.

With support from our project partners at the French Broad River MPO, County Planning staff narrowed the list of resident applicants down to 18 people that were invited to interview for a place on the committee. From this group 17 applicants requested an interview, and 15 completed their interviews over the course of two days. During the ten-minute interviews, applicants were asked several questions pertaining to their availability, their vision for the plan and the steering committee, and where they would place a sidewalk, among other questions. Applicants were additionally provided a broad summary of the role of the steering committee, and invited to ask questions of staff.

Following the interviews, County and MPO staff would like to recommend the following residents and local government partners for participation on the Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee:

Staff Recommended Community Members

Gyulnara Ashari
Molly Coffey
Caitlin Constantine
Scott Dickens
Jennifer Dreisbach
Julie Judkins
Megan McCreary
Brighid O'Keane
Christopher Reese
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Partner Government Members
Billie Breeden – BC HHS
Harry Buckner – Biltmore Forest
Lucy Crown – Asheville
James Eller – Weaverville
Shannon Tuch – Woodfin
(Vacant) – Black Mountain
(Vacant) – Montreat