Active Mobility Commission Minutes
January 20, 2026

I. Call to Order

Julie White called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Quorum

Members Present: Jeremy Claeys, Julie White, Kristie Bergna, Kyle Cole, Karen Neal, Lisa Raleigh, Janice Rausch
Staff Present: Jennifer Tipton, Russell Cate, Michelle Kennedy
Public Present: Julia Weatherford, Anne Lutz

III. Public Comment

a. Julia Weatherford presented a feasibility study conducted by Kittleson and Associates for the Fonta Flora Trail Ridgecrest connector. This study was conducted in conjunction with NCDOT, as this portion of the trail needs to be something NCDOT is allowed to build along the highway right of way. The town of Black Mountain will need to adopt the plan in order for any further development from city limits onward to move forward. This Commission will recommend that the Town Council does this.

IV. Agenda - review and modify

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the November and December meetings were reviewed and adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

No old business to review.

VII. New Business

a. Finalize Report to Council

Julie White will compile the report and send it to Jennifer Tipton by 1/30. Short term safety focused goals include: follow up on crosswalks at I-40 intersections, pedestrian access on Sutton Avenue between Richardson and South Ridgeway Avenue, and reverting hours of Lake Tomahawk to 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mid term goals include: completion of bridge over the Swannanoa River to connect Veteran's Park and the Oaks Trail, realignment of the Flat Creek Greenway, lighting in the tunnel under the 1-40 connecting the two sides of Veteran's Park, and completion of EB5547. The one long term goal is completion of the Fonta Flora Trail through town.

b. **Reports/Updates from Town**
   EB5547 Section A is 90% complete and Section B is 60% complete. Jennifer Tipton will have further updates at the February Commission meeting.
c. **Discussion about Current Sidewalks**
   Moved to February agenda due to time constraints.

VIII. Discussion

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.