Active Mobility Commission Minutes
April 21, 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, Karen Neal, Janice Rausch
Staff Present: Jennifer Tipton, Russell Cate
Public Present: Eddie Aaronson

III. Public Comment

a. No public comment during this time.

IV. Agenda - review and modify

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

No old business to review.

VII. New Business

a. Updates From Town

The town hired an interim project manager and all project management is shifting to him. The Veteran's Park Bridge is in the initial design phase taking into consideration future hazard mitigation. They're coordinating bridge repair and stream bank restoration permitting to occur concurrently. They are also working with Montreat College to coordinate geotech testing for bridge placement. The Flat Creek Greenway project is working on an engineering contract. Easement deeds have been recorded, however no maps are available yet. EB5547 section A is working on signal changes and crosswalk design, section B is finalizing comments for the final package with bidding pushed to September, and work still on schedule to complete by the end of 2026. The golf course has begun work on a stormwater project limiting walking access to some of the front nine. The operations manager is working on proposed pedestrian rules during non operational hours for when the entire course opens to play.

b. Discussion about possible trail to Cheshire and the Y

Janice and Julie found that an unofficial safe path exists connecting Ingles to Cheshire Village, using a path along the creek side of the church and apartments located along Highway 9 South of Blue Ridge Road. When this path connects to Cheshire Village official paths, safe passage exists to the YMCA. The Commission voted to have Jeremy present a proposal on May 11th to the Town

Council to work to make this path official. Eddie volunteered to help Jeremy put the proposal together and Julie asked that members of this commission attend the meeting to show support.

c. **Future work of the commission**
The commission would like to work on community outreach about ongoing and accomplished projects. Julie is looking into whether the Greenway Committee will be attending Farmer's Markets and if we can join their booth. Jennifer reminded us that if more than three of our members are present, we will need to notify her. Julie also asked to bring ideas to the May meeting about what budget friendly projects we can work on in the future.

VIII. Discussion

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm