Active Mobility Commission Minutes
July 21, 2026

I. Call to Order

Julie White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Quorum

Members Present: Jeremy Claeys, Julie White, Kristie Bergna, Karen Neal, Janice Rausch
Staff Present: Jennifer Tipton, Russell Cate

III. Public Comment

a. No public comment during this time.

IV. Agenda - review and modify

No formal agenda, walking proposed route from Cheshire to Ingles.

V. Adoption of Minutes

No adopted minutes.

VI. Old Business

No old business to review.

VII. New Business

a. Connector Path from Cheshire Village to Ingles

The AMC walked the proposed path connecting Cheshire Village and Ingles, starting behind the Ingles car wash. Identified property stakeholders include: Tyson Furniture, NCDOT, First Christian Church, Miller Property Trust, and Cheshire Village Foundation. The proposed path will start at the sidewalk of the Ingles parking lot until the intersection of Blue Ridge Road and NC9, cross the road, and pick up on the sidewalk path behind the church, which becomes grass and can be followed to Dogwood Lane where it connects with the Cheshire Village Foundation paths leading to Cheshire Village and the YMCA. The path will be as accessible to pedestrian community members as possible using reasonable accommodations for existing pathways.

The AMC will review questions below in the August meeting to set up communication to property stakeholders. Julie White has requested that members consider how requests can be framed in a way that is beneficial to both the town and property owners

Jeremy Claeys will send screen grabs of the route with property stakeholder names identified. Jennifer Tipton will have official letter examples for our letters to be modeled after.

Questions to consider and review:

1. Where should the crossing of Blue Ridge Road be located?
2. What material should be used for the path?
3. What type of requests are being made to the property stakeholders? Right of passageway? Easement?
4. What is the DOT right of way distance from Blue Ridge Road?
5. Who grants permission for crossing under power lines? Is Duke able to restrict this access?
6. What type and where will directional/informational signage be needed?

VIII. Discussion

IX. Adjournment

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm