AGENDA & MEETING MINUTES
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
City of Charlottesville
Thursday, May 7, 2026; 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
City Hall Basement Conference Room, 610 E Market St
Option to join remotely via Zoom

Introductions

Josh Carp, Tommy Safranek, Peter Krebs, Brennen Duncan, Guinevere Higgins, Meredith McCreight, Kevin Sarp, Rachel Falkenstein (Line and Grade), Daniel Hyer (Line and Grade), Ose, Zoe Macomber, Mike Parisi, James VanVrankin, Sadhbh O'Flynn, Kyle Rodland, Peter Ohlms, Bernard Gonzales

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Amendments to the Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Approved.

Public Comment

None received.

Rose Hill Redesign — Line and Grade

Ose noted a minor internal shift in the Rose Hill restriping project: Zoe Macomber will serve as interim project manager, taking over from Ben who led the project from inception.

Presentation by Rachel Falkenstein and Daniel Hyer (Line and Grade):

Project Overview

- 0.6-mile segment of Rose Hill Drive from Preston Avenue to Rugby Avenue
- Road is due for repaving, scheduled for summer 2027
- Scope is restriping analysis only — no work outside curbs or additional paving; City will handle ADA curb ramp updates separately
- Design process began in March 2026 with a walk/bike audit and initial public feedback with the Rosehill Neighborhood Association

- Two initial concepts developed; additional public engagement held at Carver Recreation planning pop-up
- Preferred concept presented to the neighborhood association; final presentation to City Council planned for June

Corridor Safety Data (2018–2026)

- 35 total crashes over 8 years; 2 involved pedestrians, 3 involved cyclists; no fatal crashes
- Most crashes clustered south of the Concord Avenue intersection
- Daily vehicle trips: 6,000–7,600 (pedestrian and cyclist data unreliable/unavailable)
- Current speed limit: 35 mph; actual speeds averaging 29–36 mph; proposing reduction to 25 mph

Community Engagement Themes

- Corridor feels too wide and unsafe for pedestrians to cross
- Desire for reduced speed limit and traffic calming
- Desire for physical protection for bike lanes, bumpouts, and increased visibility
- Requests to remove turn lanes and add intersection treatments

Proposed Design Concept

- Two-way buffered cycle track along the east side of Rose Hill Drive
- Paint-based delineation for pedestrian and bike facilities; 3-foot buffer between parking and cycle track
- Intersection transition treatments and bus loading zone integration
- Maintains equivalent parking throughout the corridor
- Achieves broader connectivity goals to McIntire Park, YMCA, and the shared use path on John Warner Parkway

Discussion

- Josh Carp raised concerns about buffer width and lack of physical protection infrastructure at the Preston Avenue intersection; discussion of potential armadillo-style barriers
- Kyle Rodland asked about school zones
- Peter Krebs emphasized pedestrian infrastructure priorities, hatching, and daylighting opportunities at intersections — cautioned against engineering out safety features
- Zoe Macomber noted this corridor presents an opportunity to highlight bike and bus interactions in new ways

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Summit Elementary School Traffic Calming

- Fast-tracked pilot program starting Monday for the final 3 weeks of school
- Current issue: No off-street facilities for bus/car drop-off, creating safety concerns
- Pilot solution: New drop-off lane replacing bike lane and parking on one side; buses relocated to Monticello Avenue; cyclists directed to use sidewalk near school entrance; implemented with parking cones removed daily after school
- 2027 context: Bus service ending (currently 1 bus carrying 9 students); redistricting reduces elementary walk zone to 1.75 miles; walking school bus program discontinued due to staffing challenges
- Broader concern: Reduced bus service is directly correlated with increased car drop-offs; driver shortage affecting both CAT and school transportation

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Questions for Staff

- Kevin Sarp asked about the 5th Street pilot; comprehensive timeline and design presentation planned for the August BPAC meeting

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Announcements / Other Business

- Bike Month closing party: May 31st at Random Row; proceeds benefit iCan Shine and their adaptive bike camp at Albemarle High School in June

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Agenda Items for Next BPAC Meeting

- 5th Street project update (full presentation)

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM