

UPSTATE MOBILITY ALLIANCE

Active & Livable Communities

There is a significant connection between public and personal transportation and land use. If homes, shopping, education, healthcare and jobs are located within reasonable proximity, then people have choices beyond simply using their personal vehicle for daily travel. In addition, many communities within the Upstate promote opportunities for active transportation (biking, walking) as a means of recreation and alternative ways to commute to employment centers, ultimately resulting in economic development opportunities that are active-transportation based. The Active & Livable Communities Task Force will look at how we can continue to support and enhance opportunities to promote growth in a connected and active manner.

Goals:

- Identify communities (City and County) that have bicycle and pedestrian master plans.
- Establish opportunities to engage communities that do not have a master plan and establish partnerships to identify and connect networks together to develop a TATT Regional Multi-Modal Master Plan
- Increase safe accessibility to jobs, schools, healthcare, employment; integrate an increase in safety measures with success stories of active communities.
- Integrate public policy at the municipal and county level to include community design principals and land use.

Focus Areas:

Connectivity - Supporting opportunities to grow and connect trail networks within a county and across the Upstate region.

Safety - Identifying and growing the capacity of programs and initiatives that will help increase the safety for pedestrians and bikers.

Walkability/Bikeability - Many Upstate residents live close to schools, parks and shopping, but do not have safe access through sidewalks.



Potential Actions:

- Encourage a Regional strategy for active community plan; overall master plan; integrate existing plans (*Spreadsheet of existing plans, mileage, cost*)
- Identify priority projects (critical connections, high bike/ped fatalities) and momentum builders
- Develop benchmarks for walkers/bikers to schools (all districts)
- Develop a funding strategy spreadsheet (cost per mile of facility or improvement type with photos and case studies to educate policy makers)
- Develop request for data for communities to share information across GIS databases (facilities existing and proposed, crashes, etc.)
- Framework plan for marketing/promotion of active cities and communities in the Upstate and success stories
- Standardize usage, ROI, success measurement – create benchmarks for SR2S, employment