

List of Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues for Discussion

- Modify the Strategic Transportation Initiatives scoring process so that projects that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety are prioritized above projects that temporarily cut motorists' travel time.
- Modify the Strategic Transportation Initiatives process so that the funding between modes is more closely aligned to funding split in the DCHC Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Revise policies and funding processes so that bike lanes and wide shoulders can be provided on secondary roads to improve safety for bicyclists.
- Eliminate the local government cost share for pedestrian facilities that are incidental to highway projects.
- Ensure that policies applicable to bridge construction also apply to culverts.
- Endorse NCDOT maintenance of all bicycle facilities within NCDOT right-of-way, including bike lanes and shared use paths.
- Ensure that the funding of facilities incentivizes and supports the selection of the most appropriate pedestrian and bicycle facility on NCDOT projects.
- Revise policies and design standards, such as those for street trees, guardrails, and streetlights, that can adversely impact the provision of facilities for people walking and biking on NCDOT-maintained streets.
- Develop a strategy for provision and maintenance of sidewalks and shared-use paths in NCDOT right-of-way in urbanizing rural areas to promote walkability and connectivity (changes to state annexation laws mean that these areas are less likely to become part of a municipality).
- Ensure that design standards allow for the use of prefabricated pedestrian bridges, which are often less expensive.
- Provide support for facilities that can be used by children to safely walk to school, and for safe routes to school programs and projects.