SOUTH CAROLINA PEDESTRIAN PLANS INVENTORY OVERVIEW

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Municipal Pedestrian Plans

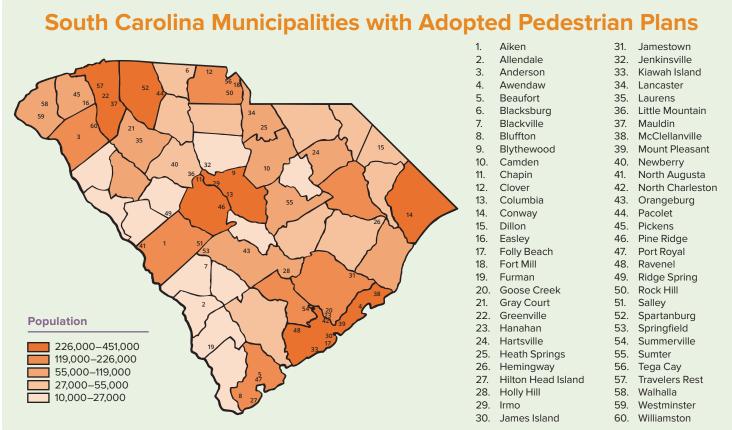
Background

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) partnered with John M. Newman Planning to create an inventory on pedestrian-focused plans that promote walking within South Carolina jurisdictions (counties and municipalities). A pedestrian-focused plan includes design recommendations that create a safe, healthy and efficient environment for pedestrian commuting and recreation. Data for this inventory was compiled through a survey of S.C. jurisdictions conducted from August through October of 2015. All 46 counties and 270 municipalities were provided the opportunity to participate in the survey. This is a summary report of the 161 municipalities that responded to the survey.

Use of MASC Member Data

The information gathered from this survey provides DHEC and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) a snapshot of municipal pedestrian planning efforts across the state. The inventory data also helps to identify current and future pedestrian planning needs of MASC member municipalities.





Pedestrian Plans: By the Numbers



Municipalities that Have Adopted Plans

52 of **161** (**32.3%**) municipalities submitting a survey have adopted pedestrian or bicycle/pedestrian plans.

- Including 1 of 2 (50%) joint city/county planning departments
- Most common forms of adoption: Including the plan within the Comprehensive Plan



Access to Healthy Foods

19 of 52 (36.5%) adopted plans include safe pedestrian or bicycle routes to access healthy food outlets.



Access to Transit

20 of 52 (38.5%) adopted plans include safe pedestrian or bicycle routes to access public transit.



Plans in Progress

Plans that have been developed or are currently under development, but have not yet been adopted

- 18 of 161 (11.2%) municipalities
- Including 1 of 2 (50%) joint city-county planning departments



Walk Friendly Community Interest

79 of **161** (**49.1**%) municipalities expressed interest in becoming a Walk Friendly Community.



Plan Implementation

- Of the 52 adopted plans, **39 (75%)** are in the implementation phase.
- Top funding sources for plan implementation (plans may have multiple funding sources):
 - Jurisdiction's general funds (22)
 - Grants (19)
 - State funds (13)



Complete Streets

- 13 of 161 (8.1%) municipalities have adopted a <u>Complete Streets</u> policy.
- 14 of 161 (8.7%) municipalities plan to adopt a Complete Streets policy within the next five years.



Regional Plans

76 of 161 (47.2%) municipalities expressed interest in participating in a regional pedestrian (or bicycle/pedestrian) plan.



Future Plans

21 of 161 (13%) municipalities plan to develop a pedestrian plan within the next five years.