



# AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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**DEPARTMENT:** Community  
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**MEETING:** Town Council 4.8.25

**SUBJECT:** Consider adopting 2025 Bike & Pedestrian Plan

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## **BACKGROUND:**

The Town of Carolina Beach is a thriving beach community with many assets that support a vibrant walking and biking culture. Due to its combination of amenities like the Carolina Beach Boardwalk, the Island Greenway and numerous parks, a temperate year-round climate, and many beach accesses and local businesses, Carolina Beach is an appealing destination for people to walk and bike. The Town is seeing a growing population and increased development in recent years. As the Town grows, existing challenges to bicyclist and pedestrian safety become more apparent and new challenges could be presented. Carolina Beach residents, Town staff and Town Council have a documented history of supporting and implementing bicycle and pedestrian projects, as evidenced by the numerous recent and ongoing projects, plans, and initiatives. While the Town has been actively implementing projects from the Pedestrian Plan (2018) and Bicycle Multiuse Transportation Plan (2011), Carolina Beach needs a master plan that establishes a collective vision, conducts a comprehensive analysis of opportunities and barriers to bicycle and pedestrian activity, and creates an implementation and prioritization framework for future improvements.

**What's in this Plan?** This Plan establishes the following Vision: *To enhance the livability of Carolina Beach by creating an appealing, walkable and bikeable environment for both residents and visitors.*

The Plan includes recommendations for projects, policies, and programs that support this Vision and, if funded and implemented, will help the Town deliver on the Plan's goals to:

- › **Improve and emphasize safety** of bicyclists and pedestrians in Carolina Beach.
- › **Enhance accessibility** through the connectivity of bicycle and pedestrian facilities to various Town destinations, like neighborhoods, local businesses, parks, and beaches.
- › **Promote a culture of active living** and establish the Town as a welcoming bicycle and pedestrian destination.
- › **Prioritize** future bicycle and pedestrian projects based upon current conditions.

## **Key Inputs in the Plan**

› **Local input** was collected through four steering committee meetings, two public events, an online survey, and field review

› **Recommendations** were developed using local input, previous plans, network analysis, destination mapping, and gaps and needs assessments.

## **Priority Projects**

1. N Dow Road and Lake Park Boulevard Intersection Improvements
2. N Dow Road and N 7th Street Multimodal Improvements
3. Harper Avenue and N Dow Road Intersection Improvements
4. Harper Avenue and Canal Drive Intersection Improvements
5. Winner Avenue Neighborhood Connector
6. Harper Avenue Multi-Use Path

7. S. Lake Park Boulevard Sidewalks
8. A Complete Bicycle Boulevard Network

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Consider adopting 2025 Bike & Pedestrian Plan

**MOTION:**

Motion to adopt the Town of Carolina Beach Bike & Pedestrian Plan as presented, to serve as a guiding document for improving and expanding walking and biking infrastructure throughout the town.