

Beaufort County conducted a Virtual Pathways Public Meeting from October 19, 2020 through November 20, 2020 for 14 priority pathway locations involving 16 roadways. This meeting was revamped from traditional in-person public meetings due to the pandemic. The meeting creation was a collaboration of the County; NP Strategy; J. Bragg Consulting, Inc.; and Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC.

### Meeting Summary:

**Time Period:** October 19, 2020 through November 20, 2020 – 30-day virtual meeting hosted on [www.BeaufortCountyPenny.com](http://www.BeaufortCountyPenny.com)

### Advertisements:

- Press Release at start of meeting
- Postcard Mailers to properties within project corridor and surrounding area – approximately 4,200 sent
- Intermediate Press Release reminder – sent halfway through meeting

**Public Comments:** 139 total comments received and they were asked if they were “In Favor” of the project by answering “Yes” or “No” and if they were located near the project by also answering “Yes” or “No”. They could choose to submit a response to one, none, all, or a few pathways. Some chose to provide a response to all; others to only one location or a few. The following is a summary of the “In Favor” poll question responses:

Pathway Location (District)	Yes	No	Total	% Yes	Pathway Location (District)	Yes	No	Total	% Yes
Big Estate Rd <sup>(1)</sup>	21	16	37	57	Meridian Rd <sup>(3)</sup>	41	13	54	76
Bluffton Pkwy <sup>(9)</sup>	47	13	60	78	Middle Rd <sup>(2)</sup>	30	11	41	73
Broad River Blvd and Riley Rd <sup>(5)</sup>	24	12	36	67	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr <sup>(3)</sup>	24	11	35	69
Broad River Dr <sup>(4)</sup>	29	12	41	71	Salem Road and Old Salem Rd <sup>(5)</sup>	31	11	42	74
Burnt Church Rd <sup>(9)</sup>	94	7	101	93	Ribaut Rd to Parris Island Gateway <sup>(4)</sup>	37	10	47	79
Burton Hill Rd <sup>(5)</sup>	31	9	40	78	Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd <sup>(9)</sup>	36	10	46	78
Depot Rd <sup>(4)</sup>	35	13	48	73	Stuart Point Rd <sup>(1)</sup>	20	14	34	59

They were also provided the opportunity to submit a written comment and these are summarized for each pathway within this document. Highlights from the written comments are:

- Burnt Church Rd pathway received an overwhelming response for it to be completed.
- Suggestions were made for sidewalks/pathways for other locations not included in the Pathways project referendum list or other projects such as:
  - US 21 between Whale Branch Bridge and Washington Farm Rd in Lobeco/Seabrook
  - Sawmill Creek Rd



- Pritchard Rd
  - Euhaw St between Bay St and North St – repair/replace existing sidewalks
  - Pave Shell Point dirt roads
  - Maintenance for existing sidewalks
  - Little Capers Rd
  - Malphrus Rd
  - Bladen Dr, Charles St, Carteret St, and baby Boundary St – Bicycle accommodations with signs and/or striping
  - Golf Cart “friendly” areas
- Safety - Several comments were made to keep a path/sidewalk on one side and not cross the street.
  - Other comments included extending limits, or if a roadway had improvements on both sides, limiting the improvements to one side only.
  - Alljoy Rd, which is included in the referendum list but was not included as one of the 14 priority locations, was mentioned frequently and thus an Alljoy Rd Comments Section is included at the end of the comment summary.

## Recommendations:

Based on the comments received, preliminary services performed for the 14 priority locations, other funding sources, locations with Council Districts, the following is recommended for implementation in the following order with Burnt Church Rd re-assigned to incorporate it with the widening project:

- Burnt Church Rd <sup>(9)</sup>: It received the highest poll question number with significantly more in favor of than opposed. Likewise, multiple comments were submitted as shown in the comment summary. Since Burnt Church Rd has also been recommended for improvement from a 2-lane facility to a 3-lane facility, it is recommended to include the pathway project as part of the widening project and not design and construct it separately as the pathway is dependent upon the design for the roadway widening. The widening and pathway project will be prioritized with County Impact Fees funding source and a RFQ is being developed for advertisement Spring 2021. A USACE nationwide permit would be required for the pathway. A permit would be required for the overall improvements. Preliminary Estimate = \$1 M
- Depot Rd <sup>(4)</sup>: No USACE permit is anticipated and it is assumed a new 10-ft path will remain within present R/W with only new R/W from 1 or 2 tracts. This is incorporated with the Spanish Moss Trail and it has received additional funds. The City of Beaufort obtained a \$200,000 CDBG along with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contribution (PATH Foundation/Kaizen Collaborative) of \$150,000 with the County contributing \$375,000 Sales Tax funding. Total investment/funding = \$725,000.
- Bluffton Pkwy <sup>(9)</sup>: This pathway should proceed. It had the next highest total comments with significantly more in favor of responses. It is also completes the remaining section near the roundabout at Bluffton Rd and eliminates a bicyclist/pedestrian from having to cross at Soperton Dr thereby improving safety. No USACE permit is required. R/W is needed from 1 tract. Preliminary Estimate = \$250,000
- Ribaut Rd to Parris Island Gateway <sup>(4)</sup>: The 5' sidewalk from Lenora Dr to the existing sidewalk near Rahn Ln should be constructed as it provides connectivity to Lenora Park. The proposed 8' shared-use path on the opposite side should be incorporated as part of the Spanish Moss Trail extension for this area. The 8' path





should also consider the proposed improvements across the bridge, through the interchange for Parris Island, and connection to the existing sidewalks at Midtown Dr/Wrights Point Ln intersection. No USACE permit is required for the sidewalk. New R/W will be required. Preliminary Estimate = \$750,000 (sidewalk only)

- Alljoy Rd <sup>(9)</sup> in place of Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd <sup>(9)</sup>: Although Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd received considerable comments, significant comments were received for the construction of Alljoy Rd and it is recommended to swap Alljoy Rd for Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd. A USACE nationwide/individual permit is required on Ulmer Rd; USACE nationwide is required on Alljoy Rd. Preliminary Estimate = \$2M for Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd, by replacing with Alljoy Rd, Preliminary Estimate = \$750,000. Also, no new R/W is anticipated on Alljoy Rd; both Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd require new R/W.
- Salem Rd <sup>(5)</sup>: Salem Rd, along with Burton Hill Rd and Old Salem Rd had considerable comments. Salem Rd is recommended to be constructed as it would provide connectivity to shopping areas, neighborhoods, and the Spanish Moss Trail. USACE nationwide critical area permits required for all three. Design will be implemented and will review other funding sources to assist with overall construction costs. Preliminary Estimate for Salem Rd = \$1.5M
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr <sup>(3)</sup>: This is recommended for improvements with the proposed remaining on one side and not swapping. It will require coordination with a historical Gullah site. Although no USACE permit is required, a critical area permit is. This is also the only project on St. Helena Island. Preliminary Estimate = \$1.5M.
- Middle Rd <sup>(2)</sup>: This is recommended and it provides connection to Coosa Elementary School, neighborhoods, and the existing sidewalk along Sam's Point Rd. A USACE nationwide permit is required. Preliminary Estimate = \$1.5M.
- Stuart Point Rd <sup>(1)</sup>: Although only minimal comments were received, it is recommended to proceed as it would provide a connection to Whale Branch Middle School. One citizen within this area provided a comment recommending this project as well as another project not included in the referendum. No permits. Preliminary Estimate = \$1.5M

The above projects with engineering services are approximately \$9 million, excluding Burnt Church Rd. It is recommended to proceed with these as other unknowns are permitting fees, utility relocations, and right-of-way acquisitions. As estimates are fine-tuned and if the program pursues other funding sources, the following should be implemented and projects may utilize other funding sources such County Impacts Fees to begin preliminary engineering/design phase:

- Big Estate Rd <sup>(1)</sup>: This is in a rural area and would provide connectivity to the existing path on US 17. USACE individual permit. Preliminary Estimate = \$2M.
- Broad River Blvd and Riley Rd <sup>(5)</sup>: No permits. Preliminary Estimate = \$750,000 – Additional funding could involve “safe routes to school” or other sources.
- Broad River Dr <sup>(4)</sup>: USACE and critical area permit required. Preliminary Estimate = \$2M
- Burton Hill Rd and Old Salem Rd <sup>(5)</sup>: Burton Hill Rd requires a USACE nationwide permit; Old Salem Rd, USACE nationwide permit and critical area permit. These would provide additional connectivity to neighborhoods, shopping centers and Spanish Moss Trail. Preliminary Estimate = \$1.75M
- Meridian Rd <sup>(3)</sup>: USACE nationwide/individual permit and a critical area permit is required. It is also recommended to retain the path on one side and not cross the road. This would provide connectivity to Beaufort High School, residential properties, Crystal Lake Park, and shopping areas. Preliminary Estimate = \$2M





- Shad Ave and Ulmer Rd <sup>(9)</sup>: USACE nationwide permit is required on Ulmer Rd; no permit on Shad Ave. Preliminary Estimate = \$2M

For Big Estate Rd within District 1, it is recommended to conduct community stakeholder meeting to determine their interest in the project. These project areas had minimal or no citizen comments from property owners on the project site or the surrounding area. All or the majority of comments submitted for these two projects were from citizens within other regions of the county.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr requires a stakeholder meeting with representatives for the historical Gullah Community site since the project would traverse through its boundaries.

The referendum included other projects, and dependent upon the Sales Tax budget as well as other funding sources, these projects should be considered for future development. The design for several projects may be started with other funding sources such as County Impact Fees.

## Comment Summary

### General

- Please advise if you are considering somehow connecting the end of the Spanish moss trail to downtown Port Royal. That would be a great place to end the trail on the south part of it.
- I think that the sidewalk on 278 westbound should be extended to the bridge to pickney island. There should also be a sidewalk on the opposite side of 278 at the same location so that people can ride or walk onto the bridge from Bluffton and to The Island safely.
- Is there any consideration to improving/widening the sidewalk between Whale Branch bridge and Washington Farm Road so the residents in Lobeco could walk/ride their bikes safely? I would love to be able to walk my dogs without having to ride 10-15 minutes to walk safely.
- These pathways are the missing link our community needs. There has never been a more important time in our recent history than right now to provide pathways for the people. For our health, well being and most importantly our safety.
- Connectivity of Beaufort is vital for all citizens.
- I believe the selections I made are well rounded for the overall benefit of the county: In Favor of – Bluffton Parkway, Broad River Blvd and Riley Rd, Burnt Church Rd, Burton Hill Rd, Meridian Rd, Middle Rd, Shad Rd and Ulmer Rd.
- What is the timing of these projects? How much money has been raised, currently? Total money to be raised by the tax?
- Are we putting in sewage lines in first? – In favor of Bluffton Parkway, Burnt Church Rd, Burton Hill Rd, Shad Rd and Ulmer Rd and citizen lives on Shad Rd.
- Don't forget Sawmill Creek Rd, Bluffton SC 29910
- These improvements are great, hopefully it will get people moving without all of the cars. Of course, we also realize that this happening in our lifetime may not be possible, but good for the coming generation. (Only voted for Burnt Church Rd)





- CRITICAL MISSING PROPOSAL: Please look at Pritchard Road in Bluffton. The existing sidewalk is significantly damaged and families walk in the street. There is an elementary school and a recreation center on Pritchard. Ideally both sides of the street should have a sidewalk/pathway.
- How about this. Let's fix our existing sidewalks first. Over the past 3 years, I've seen 4 elderly people fall because of the uneven sidewalks on Euhaw Street between Bay and North Streets. Sooner or later, lawsuits will start.
- I fully support infrastructure that supports community access without using automobiles!!! I hope for the day when a public transportation network is a reality in our county.
- At major crossing intersections please keep in mind placement of the buttons for the pedestrian crossing lights. They should be usable for both people on foot and on bicycles. For example, the intersection of Ribaut Rd and North Ave the buttons are positioned awkwardly for cyclists. If you're on a bike you can't stay on your bike and push the button to cross...you have to roll your bike to the other side of the pole to push it or completely dismount your bike to go push it, and hope it doesn't turn before you get back to your bike. That was very poor planning. Depot Rd. and North Ave could use improvements for wider pathways and solutions for speeding vehicles. Ribaut Rd has a problem with speeding vehicles in a pedestrian area. Ribaut Rd at North Ave has poor visibility due to the newly constructed apartments that appear to have not followed proper setbacks, and frankly that entire intersection could use some sort of a revamp. I realize some of these streets I've mentioned aren't involved in the projects at hand, but I still feel like it's worth mentioning.
- How about paving some roads in this area instead? The dirt roads in Shell Point are an embarrassment that nobody wants to deal with. Neither County, nor State DOT, will address how unsafe the dirt roads are during rainy periods, and of course none of the County inspectors will come around when the roads are wet. I can't even get my patrol vehicle down some of these roads, yet you want to build a glorified sidewalk. Take that garbage south of the Broad...I just want paved roads.
- PAVE THE SHELL POINT DIRT ROADS FIRST!!! THESE ROADS ARE UNSAFE WHEN THEY ARE WET!!! WHY ARE YOU WASTING MY TAX DOLLARS ON SIDEWALKS THAT WONT BE USED?  
  
PLEASE...DO SOMETHING USEFUL WITH THIS MONEY...PAVE OUR DIRT ROADS!!!!
- Money needs to be spent north of the Broad. Beaufort should be brought up to the Bluffton standards. The sidewalks we have need to be kept clear on walking path and overhanging trees.
- A good number of these are desperately needed and long overdue. Some concerns with proposed projects where usage may be very limited.  
A long term plan would be to have developers/builders create these as they are building houses and not making the county foot the bill.  
I think the main concentration should be to downtown areas making them safe for more to be out and about and then connecting/extending pathways out further into more rural areas
- The projects I marked "Not in Favor of" didn't seem to provide enough of an impact to warrant a place among high priority projects – Projects are: Bluffton Parkway and Depot Road.
- I do not oppose the pathways overall. I do not believe another tax should be added to do so. I am opposed to more than one "penny tax:" in place at a time.
- In General: where crossing the street cannot be avoided, combine the crossover with a speed bump (in other words, if the crossover is 6 feet wide, make the speed bump 6 ft wide)





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- A general set of guidelines might be appropriate here. I assume that we're dealing with limited resources, so I would suggest that roads with lighter traffic ought to get lowest priority. By this logic, something like the old bridge in Beaufort was an obvious and a wonderful improvement, benefiting pedestrian, cyclist and auto safety. Conversely, Middle road, Broad River drive, Big Estate and Stuart Point roads get us less bang for our buck.
- Bladen Street and Charles Street need bicycle route signs or bicycle lanes. Carteret Street and Baby Boundary Street need bicycle lanes or protected bicycle lanes.
- I am in favor of improving trail access, particularly in areas noted. (Noted are: Depot Rd, Meridian Rd, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr)  
This community lends itself to bike and walking access, which enhances quality of life for residents and visitors.
- I am in favor of any and all pedestrian and bike paths. Commuting is a fun, healthy, therapeutic way to travel as well as it saves money for the individual by saving money on gas, parking and other expenses attributed to motor vehicles. It even saves the county money by reducing the amount of cars on the road reducing impacts on pavement and creating a clean living environment. With that said I commute most places and would love a vision of a safe path that connects beaufort to Bluffton but I would even settle for a safe path over the parris island gateway bridge. If there was a path to Bluffton I would commute to work most days pending weather.
- I would like to see all projects on this list built. The citizens of Beaufort county and the surrounding areas need safe pathways for pleasure and commuting on bicycles. Tourists come to Beaufort County to ride , walk, and run while enjoying the beauty of the area. Time to step up into the 21st century and make this happen for all to enjoy. The economic benefit for the county would be incredible.

### Big Estate Road – 21 in favor, 16 against

No Specific Comments – See General

### Bluffton Parkway - 47 in favor, 13 against

- This project was voted IN during the last election for Mayor, etc.  
We desperately need this walkway, I feel, as we voted to accept the increase in taxes.  
Exercise, property enhancement and visually pleasant are only a few of the wants and needs of this community.
- Not in favor of Bluffton Parkway since there is a sidewalk on the other side of the road and feel other areas that don't have them should take priority!

### Broad River Blvd and Riley Rd – 24 in favor, 12 against

- The Broad River Drive and Broad River Blvd. are especially important to me as I've seen the negative consequences of having kids, including my own, walking to school along these roads. Good pathways in these neighborhoods are essential for safety and convenience - it's ridiculous that we have neighborhood schools that are unsafe to walk to.





### Broad River Drive – 29 in favor, 12 against

- We can save money by going through Shell Point Park rather than the circuitous route along Broad River Drive. It would enhance the park and save money by shortening a section of the pathway.
- Unless they plan on putting this pathway in the middle of the street then the county would most likely try to steal part of my property to build a side walk on. This is not ok. This street is very safe and people can walk on it with no problem there is no need for a pathway. My neighbors feel the same way.
- I live in Shell Point and I like the idea on Broad River. I'm hoping it'll slow people down...not sure it might not. Cars drive so fast around this neighborhood. It's concerning.
- I believe that the planned sidewalk is on the wrong side of the road as it winds through all the nine intersections along Broad River Drive. The primary use by the neighborhood will be for exercise; walking, jogging and biking. If pedestrian safety is a concern, as it should be, then the sidewalk should be on the opposite side of the road as there would only be private drives to contend with. Storm water drainage along the proposed side is a major concern for the residents. Future proposed parking expansion at Shell Point Park will have an impact in the future.
- The Broad River Drive and Broad River Blvd. are especially important to me as I've seen the negative consequences of having kids, including my own, walking to school along these roads. Good pathways in these neighborhoods are essential for safety and convenience - it's ridiculous that we have neighborhood schools that are unsafe to walk to.

### Burnt Church Road – 94 in favor, 7 against

- Thank you very much for your consideration of pathways along Burnt Church Road. This road does so much to connect our community, but sadly is only acceptable for motor vehicles to use. There is not a safe space for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists to coexist on this road.

My wife and I love the close walk or bike ride to Old Town Bluffton. Unfortunately, we have always felt like it's a bit of a gamble for us to walk or bike down Burnt Church Road. As a parents' of a new baby, my wife and I have decided to not take the risks we used to when we would walk to Old Town from Fernlakes. It is disappointing that residents such as myself don't feel safe enough to simply walk to the locations surrounding our community because of the dangers of this road.

We have a community next to us named "The Walk" due to its proximity to Old Town Bluffton and several amenities. Unfortunately, this community does not have pathways that connect them to adjacent amenities. It certainly doesn't get more ironic than a community called "The Walk", having no safe way to walk to its surroundings.

Perhaps the most obvious reason that this road needs a safe pathway is that Michael C Riley elementary school is on Burnt Church Road. If we do not see it a worthy investment to provide a pathway for parents, students, and teachers to walk to and from the school safely, than shame on us as a community.

I can't thank you enough for your consideration and look forward to seeing plans move forward.

- Adding a sidewalk on Burnt Church Road is essential for the well being of this community. As a resident of Fern Lakes, we purchased our home because of its close proximity to Old Town. However, walking or riding bikes to our community's shops, restaurants and parks is not possible due to the lack of a sidewalk that would allow my family to safely make it to Old Town. Connecting Fern Lakes, as well as The Walk and Lake Linden developments, is also of benefit to the countless small business owners and school, which are located less than a mile away. Adding a sidewalk along Burnt Church is an easy and logical way to stimulate the local economy, encourage community involvement and add value to the surrounding neighborhoods.





- This improvement has been needed for many years. I have lived in Fernlakes for 20+ years and have watch the traffic on Burnt Church Road grow exponentially. The proximity to Old Town, the addition of the Bluffton Parkway, and the Elementary School down the road have brought a lot of vehicle traffic. It is dangerous to walk or ride a bicycle on Burnt Church road. Thank you for your consideration!
- I am not able to stress how important the Burnt Church pathway is vitally necessary. Burnt Church Rd. directly impacts over 1000 individual households and has both a Fire Station and Elementary School on it. This pathway is long overdo and will exponentially increase the safety and walkability of this area for the nearby residents.
- Providing a pathway on Burnt Church Rd will allow residents who live in neighborhoods along Burnt Church safe routes to Old Towne.
- Burnt Church road pathway would permit students who attend M.C Reilly to walk/bike to school. Also, neighborhoods on Burnt Church would have pathway access to walk to Old Town (reduce traffic and parking issues) The current condition of Burnt Church Road does not permit for any walking and is dangerous to do so.
- Thank you for this project. Will open up many avenues for me
- Please do this.
- I've said this before, anyone who owns a business in old town Bluffton who wants foot traffic from Lake Linden, Fern Lakes, and any development off the Bluffton Parkway this is their chance to speak up! It's been way too long not getting this project done. Parking in town is a nightmare.
- We have lived at the same address for 10 years we have tried riding our bikes along Burnt Church and we literally take our lives in our hands. A bike path/walking path would make such a natural connection between the parkway the Lake Linden development and Bruin Road to promote safety and business development.
- We would LOVE a pathway on Burnt Church Road, for the convenience but most importantly for safety's sake. There are many, many people who now walk and bike this road and it is very dangerous.
- We've been waiting for years. Burnt Church Road as it currently stands is unsafe to walk as cars speed down the road! Sidewalks on Burnt Church Road would connect the parkway as well as all the communities on Burnt Church Road to the downtown Bluffton area! Please make this happen!!
- A pathway on burnt church would greatly increase the biking and walking access to old town for a ton of Bluffton residents. I also believe it would help old towns expanse towards burnt church road.
- I live in lake linden and I always see people walking on the grass or the side of the road to get to work or to get to Old Town it is very dangerous as cars go very fast down that road. Personally I'm in my 20s and I am even too afraid to ride my bike to old town because of it! I think it would be a good choice!
- Burnt Church Rd needs a sidewalk. Children need safe access to MC Riley Elementary.
- I live off Burnt Church Rd and would love to have a safe pathway to walk to all that Old Town offers. Walking would be better than driving and trying to find parking, especially during the busy season when there's so much congestion and people on the road who aren't familiar with where they are going. And busy season is almost year-round now.
- This project was voted IN during the last election for Mayor, etc. We desperately need this walkway, I feel, as we voted to accept the increase in taxes. Excercise, property enhancement and visually pleasant are only a few of the wants and needs of this community.
- Burnt Church is in desperate need of pathways as we encounter pedestrians daily with no shoulders for them to safely navigate what has become a very busy road.





- These improvements are great, hopefully it will get people moving without all of the cars. Of course, we also realize that this happening in our lifetime may not be possible, but good for the coming generation.
- As a resident of Burnt Church Rd, the thought of a pathway is enticing. However, the proposed path would take a chunk of the front of our property that borders the road. I have my property certified as a Palmetto Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation and I am adamantly opposed to having any trees removed from our property to make a path. Additionally I would like to know what sort of financial compensation we will receive if we lose a portion of our lot. There are lots of questions for those of us who will be impacted.
- This would be huge! AS this area grows more and more people are walking and riding bikes on that stretch of Burnt Church ... super dangerous. This would be a fantastic addition to the pathway system ... Do it!
- I've lived in Fernlakes for over 20 years and have always wondered why we didn't have pathways on Burnt Church Road. I hope this will be on the top of approved projects!
- Depending on how long the bike path on Burnt Church were to take, having the grass along the side of the road maintained would be beneficial. This would help provide a more visible footpath along side the road to keep runners etc off the road more, help reduce the risk of rolled ankles, tripping and falling into the street, fire ant bites, and snake bites (just to name a few). With the increased number of homes and young families along Burnt Church along with an elementary school and fire station....and maybe also because I live off Burnt Church and run that route with the dog...I would enjoy seeing this bike path take priority. Thank you for your hard work and taking time to request input, even if you don't read it all! But if you do, way to go!! Keep it up, you're doing great!!
- We are a family with kids that live close by and will going to MC Riley. Will be great to use going to school and downtown.
- Most importantly, in my opinion, is Burnt Church Road. There are a lot of benefits to this project, first and foremost being safety. There is not room to safely maneuver around this road without the potential for someone getting hurt. While it would be great for residents to have foot access to the shopping center, it would bring great potential for the small local businesses in Old Town Bluffton. What a great opportunity to support the small business while getting out to enjoy our beautiful scenery.
- Walking to down town or to restaurants.
- Burnt Church Rd is so important for safety. I see children walking down the road with people ignoring the speed limit and it is scary. It is crazy that I live a mile away from my kids school and can't walk them there. Please make this pathway a high priority.
- It would be nice to have a pathway on our street. People would be encouraged to walk and exercise daily by walking. It's about time to it in burnt church road.
- The Fire Station is located on Burnt Church Road and when emergency vehicles constantly go through there is no room for oncoming traffic to get off the road. Bicyclists also have no where to go and are especially in danger in early morning and at night when they have to ride on the road. It would be nice to be able to walk/bicycle on a separate pathway. This is also an evacuation route. Thank you.
- These potential pathways in Bluffton are part of my weekly running routes. A sidewalk would be SO much safer, and would allow my family to enjoy the area on bike or foot. I am most passionate about adding a sidewalk to Burnt Church Road. We live off of Burnt Church Road in Lake Linden, and we are only a mile from Old Town Bluffton. We love our town but cannot safely take our children to enjoy town on their bikes or on a walk. My morning runs are along the shoulder of the road with traffic whizzing by. A sidewalk would mean safer exercise and travel and less driving/pollution/parking for local families to enjoy Old Town!
- I live in the All Joy Area. We are especially in need of sidewalks on Burnt Church Road due to the increased amounts of homes that have been built recently and the people from those homes wanting a walking distance to downtown Bluffton. With the high density of traffic and how fast cars travel on Burnt Church,





the bike riders/walkers need to be off the edge of the road. The reasons on Ulmer/Shad are also because there is a huge amount of students that attend MC Riley and if they had a sidewalk to access the school maybe the school bus route could only make one loop for that area. Currently the bus that takes the students home to Shad Ave. makes 2 rounds because there are so many students going to Shad Avenue in addition to other area students. Many residents of Shad/Ulmer are bike riders and walkers. The grass stays very high on the side of the roads and makes it difficult to walk on the edge of the road.

- Burnt Church had supposedly been slated for a sidewalk years ago. and a sidewalk is badly needed to allow members of the communities on Burnt Church, and students at the McCracken School a safe means to walk to and from their homes and downtown Bluffton.
- We believe Burnt Church should be favored, due to the existing developments along Burnt Church, and the McCracken School. All of upper Burnt Church Rd is in the county, not the Town of Bluffton. This is a very busy, unsafe road at present for anyone walking
- a bike path on Burnt Church road will connect all the neighborhoods to the shopping centers and would eliminate a lot of automobile traffic. I'm in favor of pathway running all the way down Burnt Church Road. thanks for your consideration.
- In favor of Burnt Church pathway due to increased traffic in this area due to the new development called The Walk. Also needs turn improved at the corner of Bruin Road and Burnt Church road. if you're on Bruin turning left onto Burnt Church road, you can't see to the right due to the trees on that corner lot. Also needs turn widened coming off of Burnt Church road and turning right onto Bruin road. Very narrow turn. Also not related to pathways, but another very dangerous road/area is coming out of the CC Haigh Jr. Boat landing on Pinckney Island. getting back onto Hwy 278 and turning back left (west) is extremely dangerous, especially when pulling a boat behind. the palm trees at the right of the exit of the boat landing need trimmed back so one can see traffic to the right coming over the bridge. it is a huge blind spot, especially trying to pull a boat across traffic to get out into the median. there is barely enough room to safely sit in the median with a boat and trailer behind your vehicle.
- Burnt Church road is a priority with both an Elementary and Middle school located next to each other with no safe pedestrian access
- I am at Burnt Church Rd and would like to have more info about the right of way on my property.
- Burnt Church Rd. would be second on my list due to a narrow two lane road with no shoulders and ditches on either side. No way to safely travel that stretch of road.
- That area is needed specially because of school and rec center along this pathway which causes a lot of kids on bikes and pathway would just make it safer for families to be out and about. For this same reason would like to propose pathway for Malphrus Rd. so please consider for the future Thanks!
- Strongly in favor of a pathway on Burnt Church Road in addition to connecting that to a pathway on All Joy Road. Both areas are near populated residential areas where residents are also very active. By putting a pathway on Burnt Church Road, it would allow for residents to easily walk or bike into the town of Bluffton, and it will create a full loop between the pathway already existing on 46 and on the Bluffton Parkway. MC Riley School exist less than 1/2 mile from many residents who live on Burnt Church, many of whom live in Lake Linden with young children. The pathway would therefore also allow safe walkable access to the school for local children. Two restaurants also exist at the corner of Brunt Church. A pathway would allow for easier access to these locations as well for those visiting and living in Bluffton. Furthermore, it will create a safer place for walkers/bikers/runners to utilize the road (many of which already use the road for walking and running). The traffic on Burnt Church has only increased and many vehicles often exceed the speed limit. The pathway should be designed in such a way that pedestrian's are protected from the vehicle traffic.
- A pathway or sidewalk(?) is desperately needed on the busy, narrow Burnt Church Road. I often worry that I or someone else will get hit by a car when walking and riding my bike from Fern Lakes to town.





I would also like to suggest that one of those large, round, oval mirrors be mounted across the intersection of Bruin and Burnt Church - maybe mounted on the telephone pole at the entrance to Ulmer Brothers. The mirror greatly would improve safety conditions for the many cars and pedestrians who travel the area, especially with the additional growth in population as a result of The Walk neighborhood.

### Burton Hill Road – 31 in favor, 9 against

- I don't think this project serves enough residents to warrant its construction at this time. The pathways on Salem and Old Salem Roads already connect the residents of Battery Point and the apartment complexes to the Spanish Moss Trail. We should drop this project or shorten it to simply connect the Beaufort Industrial Village to the Spanish Moss Trail.
- I am in favor of building pathways along the busy roads above in my community- Beaufort. This will allow people to get outside and exercise safely. I live in Battery Point and it will help me and those that live near me get to the Spanish Moss trail safely. I am a health coach and am always in favor of any improvements that would help the health of my community.
- A lot of low income people have to walk along Burton Hill and Salem and Old Salem Roads to get to jobs and shopping.it would be a great asset!

### Depot Road – 35 in favor, 13 against

- Proposed Depot Rd pathway is on the most dangerous (South Side) of Depot Rd. because of the 15 houses that use driveways vs. 8 houses on the North side of Depot Rd. Please consider finishing the existing sidewalk and widening if possible. No potential wetlands would be impacted. Depot street would retain a neighborhood street profile Instead of a wider, more open , thoroughfare Type of road. It would terminate on best side (North side) of busy Ribaut/Bay St, making crossing Ribaut much safer.
- It looks like to me this proposal will lead half of Depot Road with no path or sidewalk.
- Salem Rd, Depot Road (suggestion); have shared path on 1 side of street. Save money.
- Pathways or sidewalks should not be more than 8 feet wide. Anything wider is an eyesore, creates more stormwater run-off, and is overkill. Depot Road and/or Bay Street planned paths have 10 feet width in a section and 8 feet in another. 10 feet is wrong.

### Meridian Road – 41 in favor, 13 against

- I am concerned about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists having to cross at Youmans Road and Yacht Club Drive. How will they safely cross at a crosswalk at Lady's Island Drive?
- Proposed Meridian Rd. Pathway crosses Meridian Rd. three times. Is that necessary.? Seems Dangerous.
- I drive Meridian Road almost daily and a sidewalk would be great for all of those exercising in the busy morning hours.
- I am in favor of the pathway on Meridian Road but not in favor of the pathway crossing to the west side in two places between Youmans Road and Yacht Club Drive. Why have children and other pedestrians crossing in two places when there could be no crossings on Meridian Road if the sidewalk was just on the east side all the way down Meridian Road? To me this is a very big safety issue.
- A walk way is really needed for the same 10 people who use it each week! These walk ways are easy to build and then forgotten. I know, I have spent a lot of my time and gas keeping part of the walk way on 802





that crosses the Youmans' bridge maintained. You start off on the EAST side of Meridian and jump back to the WEST side twice. If you know anything about Meridian Road, it can be congested at times and when people aren't paying attention, they could walk right out into the traffic at the two crossing. It is a SAFETY ISSUE. I propose that it starts on the EAST side and is completed on the EAST side. Other than that I oppose it.

- There is not a need for a sidewalk that crosses both sides of Meridian. The realistic issue for Meridian is speed. The limit is 35 mph, however, most people go 50 mph or above. Putting in a sidewalk would just enhance the speeding. A more appropriate suggestion would be for the Sheriff Dept to not only patrol, but to enforce the speed limit. Also several speed bumps could be added along the road that very well may help with speeding.
- A bike walking path along Meridian Road was supposed to happen years ago. It would enable bikers/walkers a loop to downtown Beaufort and access to White Hall park.
- Meridian: keep pathway on same side of the street for the entire length. Every time the path crosses the roadway, the chances for accidents increases.
- I think the pathway in general is a good idea, but not the crossing over from one side of Meridian to the other in 2 places. I think this is not safe for pedestrians. I would support a pathway all the way down Meridian on one side or the other (ie east or west side), but not a split walkway. (PS - This is our 2nd home on Marshview Drive, so the address given above is our 1st home in FL)

### Middle Road – 30 in favor, 11 against

- I'm a bicycle rider and live on Telfair Dr. I've always felt "captured" (and bored ) in the neighborhood when I ride due to unsafe riding conditions on Middle Rd. I'm very excited and approve of the Middle Rd. pathway. ( I would like to see it extended to Springfield Rd. but I'm not complaining.) I'm also impressed to read that it will be 8' wide. That will allow for safer conditions for walkers, baby strollers and bicyclists. Thank you for that decision because that is doing it right! This pathway will allow bicyclists to get out of the neighborhood safely and to have access to downtown Beaufort, which is good for us and good for Beaufort. I wholeheartedly approve of including this location in the pathway projects and can't wait for it to be completed.
- A Middle road path would allow school children from Coosa Elementary to bike to school.

A path from middle road that would allow bikers to get to Ladys Island shopping along Little Capers Road would be great.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive – 24 in favor, 11 against

- We are asking people to cross MLK at two locations. We should spend the extra money and keep the entire trail on the east side of the road so that it can safely connect with the library.

### Salem Road and Old Salem Road – 31 in favor, 11 against

- We should construct one 10 foot wide two-way path and eliminate the other side.
- I am in favor of building pathways along the busy roads above in my community- Beaufort. This will allow people to get outside and exercise safely. I live in Battery Point and it will help me and those that live near me get to the Spanish Moss trail safely. I am a health coach and am always in favor of any improvements that would help the health of my community.





- A lot of low income people have to walk along Burton Hill and Salem and Old Salem Roads to get to jobs and shopping.it would be a great asset!
- Very excited about having sidewalks on Salem and Old Salem Road - would very much prefer to walk or ride a bike to shop, especially with the new Publix opening; and to get safely get onto the Spanish Moss Trail. Right now the roads are very narrow and very curvy for cars and is not very safe for pedestrians or cyclist. Would also like to see the area more golf cart friendly -- need to be able to get to downtown via golf cart.
- Salem Rd, Depot Road (suggestion); have shared path on 1 side of street. Save money.

### Ribaut Road to Parris Island Gateway – 36 in favor, 10 against

- The Ribaut Road Path needs to connect to the Ribaut-Edinburgh Intersection.

### Shad Road and Ulmer Road – 36 in favor, 10 against

- I live near Brighton Beach on the intersection of Thomas Lawton Road and Ulmer Road and daily see bicycle and pedestrian traffic throughout the day. Both roads have no shoulder and are located near proposed projects. I am requesting you to look into adding pathways to the Alljoy area like Alljoy Road, Thomas Lawton Road and Ulmer Road. It is pivotal to the safety and security of local residents, traveling visitors, and local children in this area. Thank you for your time and consideration.
- I live in the All Joy Area. We are especially in need of sidewalks on Burnt Church Road due to the increased amounts of homes that have been built recently and the people from those homes wanting a walking distance to downtown Bluffton. With the high density of traffic and how fast cars travel on Burnt Church, the bike riders/walkers need to be off the edge of the road. The reasons on Ulmer/Shad are also because there is a huge amounts of students that attend MC Riley and if they had a sidewalk to access the school maybe the school bus route could only make one loop for that area. Currently the bus that takes the students home to Shad Ave. makes 2 rounds because there are so many students going to shad avenue in addition to other area students. Many residents of Shad/Ulmer are bike riders and walkers. The grass stays very high on the side of the roads and makes it difficult to walk on the edge of the road.
- Shad Rd. would be third on the list due to the residential properties in close proximity. There are a lot of school children that would use them before and after school. When connected to the Alljoy Rd. path, it would allow safe passage to the landing/beach and Old Town.

Not in favor of Ulmer Rd. This is also a two lane road, but doesn't get the vehicle or pedestrian traffic the others get. This section of roadway also has no residential addresses located on it.

### Stuart Point Road – 20 in favor, 14 against

No Specific Comments Received – See General Comments

### Comments requesting the consideration of Alljoy Rd

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Lawton Road and Ulmer Road. It is pivotal to the safety and security of local residents, traveling visitors, and local children in this area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

- Please consider extending this pathway down Alljoy Road. There are many walkers, runners, and bicyclists on this very narrow road. In addition, there are many children riding bikes.
- Please add walking/ bike path on Alljoy Road to your pathways project. Very dangerous road for bikers especially at Myrtle Island Rd Curve.
- Start up preliminary work is too slow. Too bureaucratic! Fire the clerks and put a dedicated leader in charge. Include Alljoy Road running parallel to the May River leading into Olde Town Bluffton. Thank you.
- Alljoy Road in Bluffton is in serious need of safety upgrades especially walking/golf cart paths. It has blind curves and very mixed use including trailered boats utilizing Beaufort County's Alljoy Landing, many golf carts to and from Old Town, bicyclists, runners and dog walkers.... all in addition to normal neighborhood commuters who rely on this singular road. PLEASE consider! Thank you
- What about Alljoy Rd?
- Of the "THREE" projects (Bluffton Parkway, Burnt Church Rd, and Ulmer and Shad Roads) listed south of the Broad, I feel strongly the one not listed is the most important! I see on the maps a "proposed Alljoy" sidewalk.... This, in my opinion is one of the biggest safety issues needing resolved. Alljoy Rd. would cover the most residential density of all projects listed. A sidewalk would keep families and children off of a dangerous two lane road that often involves speeding vehicles and vehicles towing boats to and from the landing. There is a high volume of golf carts, bicycles, joggers and walkers traveling back and forth from Old Town, the boat landing and beach area. This sidewalk should be wide enough to accommodate two lanes if possible.  
  
\*\*\* On a side note...we would LOVE to have city sewer ran down Alljoy Rd. at the same time as the sidewalk. Everyone in this area is on septic and has no other option. This would help the homeowners, as well as, help protect the May River from the runoff.
- We desperately need sidewalk downtown on Alljoy from Pritchard street at least to Minuteman dr very dangerous spot
- Please put Alljoy Rd on the list for walkways and ahead of Bluffton pkwy which already has miles of walkway. We need a walkway more than Shad as Alljoy is very busy And drivers speed all the time. We have requested more deputy patrol to slow down dangerous drivers as well, but have had no result. Your consideration is appreciated.
- I further support a pathway connecting Old Town Bluffton to Brighton Beach (All Joy Road). This road is very popular for cyclist, runners, walkers and boaters. It is known to be a dangerous road to walk due to cars with no safe place for the pedestrians to utilize. Such a pathway would also create new access to Brighton Beach/All Joy Beach and so it would not only make for safer use of the road but also provide enjoyable access to an additional amenity for those visiting Bluffton.
- Alljoy Rd. Could use sidewalks . Can't believe not on list with all the foot traffic & cycle traffic. Most times Alljoy seems like Daytona Speedway ( very little police presence). Been quite a few deaths since we've lived there. Love area , but don't see tax \$ at work on Alljoy. Seem to think we are a stepchild. County mows right ways annually & homeowners maintain ditches & right ways. Bluffton is a great place regardless & I hope my wife & I are assets to Alljoy. I never complain, but thought I should say something. If nothing is done we will adapt to our situation. Gotta love Alljoy & Bluffton. Thank you
- Please add a pathway on Alljoy Road! Thank you.

