

#### Our Mission



Bike Walk Greenville has been advocating for safe biking and walking infrastructure since 2013.

We believe that equitable, inclusive, multimodal transportation planning and design is a necessity for a healthy, vibrant community.



# Main Street is a safe place to walk







#### Academy Street is not as safe for walking







#### The Cost of Car-Centric Design

- Decades of road designs that prioritize convenience and high speeds for motor vehicles has left us with roads that are 'Dangerous by Design'
- South Carolina ranks 3rd in the US for pedestrian traffic fatalities
- Improving walking conditions has positive impacts on the local economy, environment and community.



source: Smart Growth America



#### What We Want

- Safe, connected infrastructure for affordable 'active transportation'
  - more and better sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic calming, safe streets design principles
  - prioritization of pedestrians, cyclists and people with disabilities
- Less car dependency, more sustainability
- More funding for pedestrian and cycling projects
- Engaged community of advocates
  - Partnerships with businesses and other nonprofits
  - Empowered individuals, educated voters



#### Challenges to Our Mission/Vision

- Difficulty of retrofitting
- Political will
  - Appropriate funding
  - Understanding of the realities of current pedestrian conditions (victim blaming)
- Long timelines





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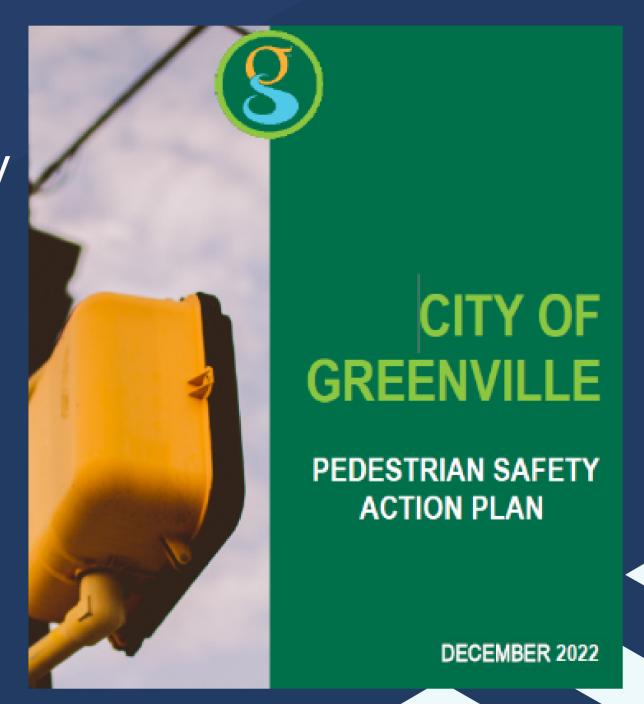






### City of Greenville

- Safety issues that can be addressed
  - Greenville CARES: cares@greenvillesc.gov
  - Call or text: (864) 232-2273
- Calin Owens, Mobility Coordinator
  - cowens@greenvillesc.gov
- 2022 Pedestrian Safety Survey
  - bit.ly/gvlwalkstudy





### Greenville County

- Advocacy is harder outside of city limits
- Get to know your county council representative
- Ty Houck, Director of Greenways (Swamp Rabbit Trail)
  - thouck@greenvillecounty.org
- Record issues at bikemaps.org and walkrollmap.org







#### **Contacting SCDOT**

- A large number of our roads are state owned
- To check road ownership:
  - bit.ly/whoseroadisit
- SCDOT has an online work order request form
  - apps.scdot.org/mwro/
  - Can report damaged/missing signage, overgrowth in Right of Way (ROW), damage to sidewalk, and other issues
    - Describe location/ intersection in comment, since map pins may not translate in work order



#### SCDOT Online Maintenance Request







#### **Maintenance Work Request**

\*\* Dial 911 if you have an emergency. \*\*

#### Submitting a work request involves 4 steps:

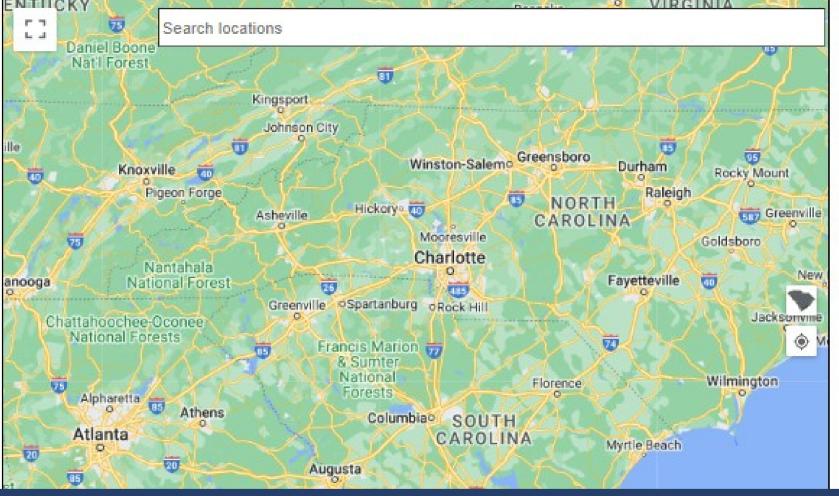
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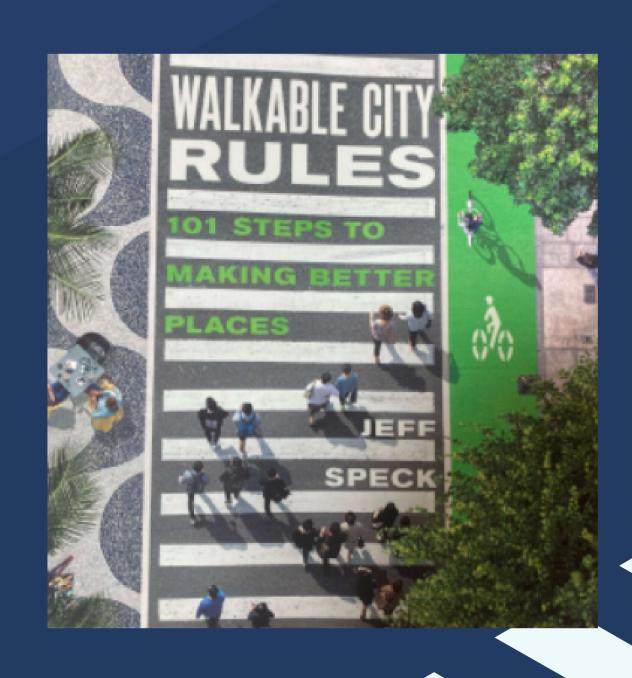
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# Learn More About Walkability

# Recommended reading: Walkable City Rules by Jeff Speck

- Rule 94: "Do A Walkability Study"
  - The useful walk
  - The safe walk
  - The comfortable and interesting walk





### Feedback from a previous Walk Audit

"The consensus was that if you only get around by driving a car because of where you live and where you work, you are oblivious to the needs of people on foot."

"This exercise really opened my eyes about the impact of designing our cities for people, not just for cars."



# We look forward to hearing your feedback!







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