

**Special Called Joint Meeting
Town of Mocksville Commissioners & Davie County Commissioners
November 7, 2022**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners and Davie County Commissioners met for a special joint meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Davie County Commissioners Meeting Room.

Present:	Mayor, Will Marklin	Absent: Justin Draughn
Commissioners Present:	Rob Taylor Carl Lambert Johnny Frye Jenny Stevenson	

Others Present:
Ken Gamble, Town Manager
Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk

Mayor Marklin called the meeting to order.

Invocation for Governing Bodies; BoC Chairman, James Blakley

Pledge of Allegiance for Governing Bodies; Mayor Marklin

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lambert which carried by a unanimous vote 4-0.

Paul Moore with Davie County Recreation and Parks addressed the Boards with a Mocksville trail study presentation.

The Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) applied for and received State Planning and Research funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to assess options for improving bicycle and pedestrian connections between Davie County Community Park and nearby schools, employment centers, and residential areas.

The feasibility study was recommended as a priority project in the Yadkin Valley Regional Bicycle Plan (2017) and the Davie County Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenway Master Plan (2021), developed with input from stakeholders and the public. Other local and regional plans, such as the Davie County Comprehensive Plan (2019), recommended greenway and trail development to connect key destinations in the county.

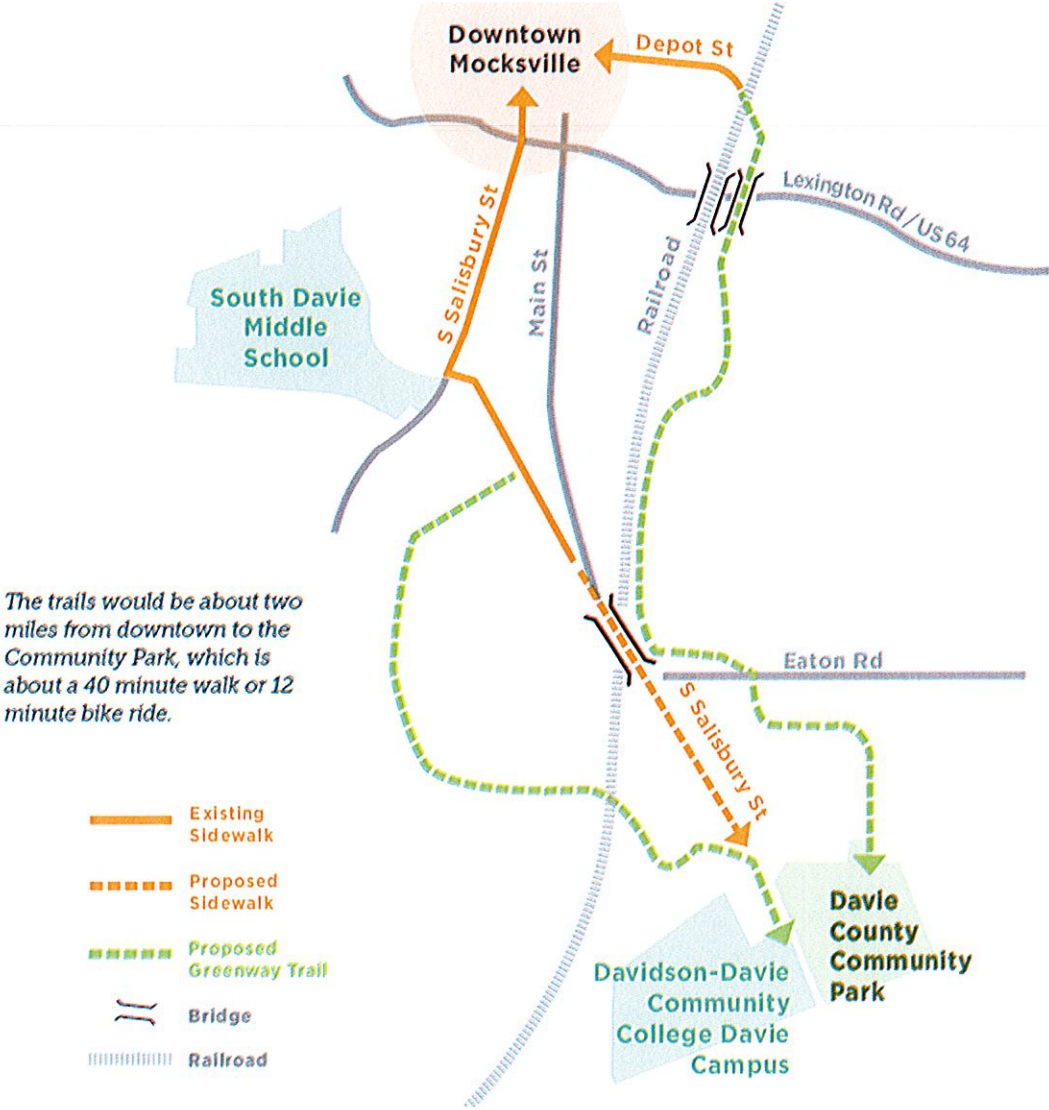
This project, then, meets a top priority community need identified in multiple local and regional plans by providing a safe walking and biking connection between Downtown Mocksville, South Davie Middle School, and Davie County Community Park. The project will reduce the likelihood of crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians, improve opportunities for outdoor recreation in Davie County, and provide greater transportation choice for local residents, while enhancing local tourism, economic development, and quality of life.

He thanked the town officials, local residents, partners, and advisors that participated in the development of this study through meetings, comment forms, field tours, and plan review.

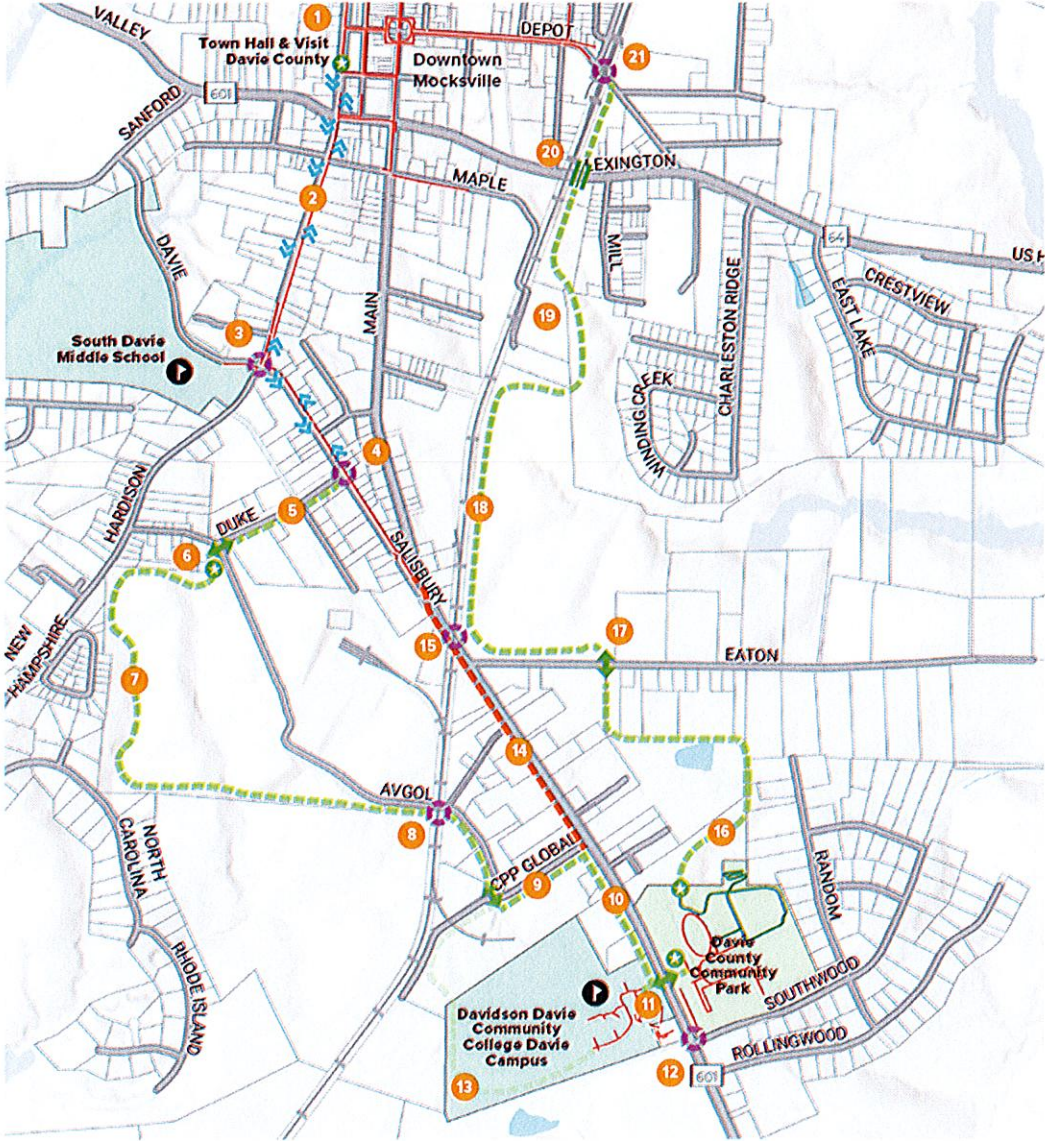
Engagement Process Overview:

- 2-Day Charrette, April 2022.
- Two public open houses; attendees commented on existing conditions and potential trail projects.
- Online Public Survey.
- 181 responses received; respondents provided input about desired trail connections & current conditions for walking and biking in Mocksville.
- Davie County Enterprise Record Articles.
- A press release and an article published in April prior to the charrette.
- Posts on DCRP/Mocksville Social Media.
- Draft Plan available for comment on DCRP/Mocksville websites

The overall concept provides several options for linking Downtown Mocksville to Davie County Community Park, including two greenway options and one sidewalk option. The eastern greenway option requires a bridge over US 64 (high cost), and does not connect to South Davie Middle School. The sidewalk option along S Salisbury Street would be a huge improvement on existing conditions, but is not what is desired by most public participants in the planning process due to the number of driveways and busy nature of the corridor. The western greenway option was most preferred at public meetings and would provide the safest alternative that is separated from motor vehicle traffic. See maps below and also available in Chapter 2.



Recommendations Map:



Projects:

- Typical Shared-Use Path/Greenway Trail Section
- Trail Crossing of S. Salisbury Street at Davie County Community Park and Davie County Community College
- Conceptual Railroad Crossing Improvements at Avgol Drive
- Proposed Design for Future S. Salisbury Street Bridge Replacement

See Chapter 2 for illustrations.

Additional Resources Included in the Plan:

- Program Recommendations
Education, encouragement, enforcement, promotion
- Implementation Action Steps
Short-, mid-, and long-term practical steps toward plan implementation
- Design Guideline Resources
Guidelines from NCDOT as well as federal agencies
- Project Benefit Resources
Resources on the economic & health benefits of active transportation improvements
- Funding Resources
Includes an overview of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and how it affects federal transportation funding

Every \$1.00 of trail construction supports \$1.72 annually from local business revenue, sales tax revenue, and benefits related to health and transportation. See Chapter 1 for benefits of creating a walking and bicycling trail in Mocksville.

Next Steps:

- Adopt this plan.
- Establish working relationships with key private landowners, including Avgol Industries and CPP Global.
- Consider designating staff time to help the town seek funding and coordinate trail partner outreach to landowners and ROW land managers.
- Seek funding sources for trail design and establish trail ROW.
- See Action Steps in plan for other steps.

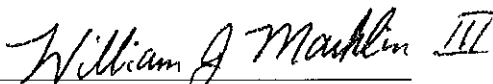
A motion was made by Commissioner Stevenson to adopt the 2022 Greenway Connection Study and no cost to the town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote 4-0.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the November 7, 2022 Special Called Joint Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frye which carried by a unanimous vote 4-0.



Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC


William J. Marklin, Mayor