

BURTON ST. NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FAQ

What is the Burton Street Neighborhood Plan?

The Burton Street Neighborhood Plan was developed in 2018 by the Burton Street Community Association (BSCA), in partnership with the N.C. Department of Transportation and the City of Asheville to address existing community concerns and potential impacts resulting from the I-26 Connector Project. The Burton Street Neighborhood Plan was adopted by the Asheville City Council as an official neighborhood plan in October 2018.

Why was the Burton Street Neighborhood Plan developed?

During the I-26 Connector Project development process, Burton Street was identified as having an Environmental Justice population which has experienced recurring impacts from past transportation improvements. With an Environmental Justice designation, minority and/or low-income populations subject to negative past effects and future project impacts are eligible for additional mitigation opportunities from NCDOT to lessen these burdens. The Burton Street Neighborhood Plan identifies strategies that will be implemented by NCDOT as Environmental Justice mitigation for the I-26 Connector Project and strategies for implementation by the City of Asheville as a part of their Comprehensive Plan Update.

How can I give input on the Burton Street Neighborhood Plan?

There are currently no further opportunities to comment on the Neighborhood Plan, as it is a finalized plan and was adopted by the Asheville City Council as an official neighborhood plan in October 2018. A select few strategies from the Neighborhood Plan will require additional public feedback during the Plan's implementation, and impacted residents will be contacted by the BSCA to provide their input.

How was the Burton Street Community involved in the development of the Neighborhood Plan?

While developing the Neighborhood Plan, the Burton community was given multiple opportunities to provide ideas and feedback. There were three community open houses, a stakeholder small group meeting, and online surveys. The comments received during each comment period shaped the direction of the draft Neighborhood Plan. Residents were then given the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan before it was finalized.

How is the Neighborhood Plan being implemented?

Currently, the BSCA, NCDOT, and the City of Asheville are collaborating to implement the items put forth in the Neighborhood Plan. This Working Group meets monthly to coordinate resources and efforts to execute Plan strategies.

What is the Burton Street Plan Implementation Working Group?

The Burton Street Plan Implementation Working Group was established in August 2019 to implement the Plan strategies as outlined in the Implementation section of the Plan. The Working Group, consisting of the BSCA leadership board, NCDOT and City of Asheville staff responsible for the I-26 Connector and Burton Street Plan development projects, meet monthly to coordinate resources and efforts to execute Plan strategies that require interagency and BSCA collaboration.

Who is part of the Implementation Working Group?

The Working Group consists only of representatives that were part of the Neighborhood Plan development and the I-26 Connector project team. Since the implementation of the Neighborhood Plan requires a great deal of agency coordination, these meetings can only include representatives from the respective agencies. The BSCA leadership team, which was elected by the Burton community, represents the interests of the Burton Street Community and acts in an official capacity on the community's behalf.

How are updates about the Plan Implementation being communicated?

Updates on the Neighborhood Plan Implementation are being announced in a monthly BSCA newsletter, on the BSCA leadership website, and at the BSCA monthly meetings.

How can I find out more information and ask questions about the Implementation?

The BSCA holds a monthly meeting on the third Monday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00pm at the Burton Street Community Center. The BSCA will dedicate time at each meeting to discuss implementation updates and answer any questions. All Burton Neighborhood residents are invited to attend!

You can sign up for BSCA emails and automated phone calls, find more information, and view past newsletters by visiting www.burtonstreetcommunityassociationleadership.com

Who can I contact with additional questions?

If you have questions not answered in this FAQ, please feel free to email the BSCA leadership team at bscaleadership@gmail.com.