

SOUTH CAROLINA PEDESTRIAN PLANS INVENTORY OVERVIEW



Background

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) partnered with John M. Newman Planning to create an inventory on pedestrian-focused plans that promote walking within S.C. jurisdictions (counties and municipalities). A pedestrian-focused plan includes design recommendations that create a safe, healthy, and efficient environment for pedestrian commuting and recreation. Data for this inventory was compiled through a survey of S.C. jurisdictions conducted from August through October 2015. All 46 counties and 270 municipalities were provided the opportunity to participate in the survey.

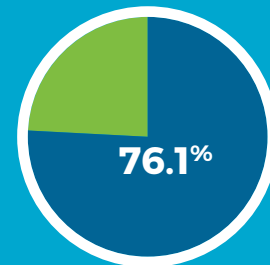
Use of the S.C. Pedestrian Plans Inventory

The information gathered from this survey provide DHEC and agencies such as the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Councils of Governments, the S.C. Association of Counties, and the Municipal Association of S.C. a snapshot of county and municipal pedestrian planning efforts across the state. The inventory data also helps to identify current and future pedestrian planning needs of S.C. communities.

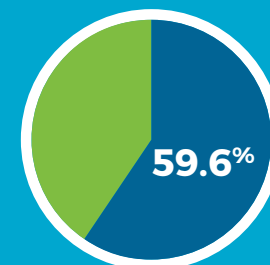
Pedestrian Plans Information

196 of 316

62% of jurisdictions responded to survey



35 of 46 counties



161 of 270 municipalities

Pedestrian Plans: By the Numbers



Jurisdictions Who Have Adopted Plans

64 of 196 (32.7%) jurisdictions submitting a survey have adopted pedestrian or bicycle/pedestrian plans; 56 of which were adopted since 2005*.

- **12 of 35 (34.3%)** counties
- **52 of 161 (32.3%)** municipalities
- Including **1 of 2 (50%)** joint city/county planning departments
- Most common form of adoption: Including the plan within the Comprehensive Plan



Plans in Progress

Plans that have been developed or are currently under development, but have not yet been adopted

- **3 of 35 (8.6%)** counties
- **18 of 161 (11.2%)** municipalities
- Including **1 of 2 (50%)** joint city-county planning departments



Plan Implementation

- Of the 64 county and municipal adopted plans, **47 (73.4%)** are in the implementation phase.
- Top funding sources for plan implementation (plans may have multiple funding sources):
 - Jurisdiction's general funds (27)
 - Grants (27)
 - State funds (17)
 - Local option sales tax (14)



Future Plans

24 of 196 (12.2%) jurisdictions plan to develop a pedestrian plan within the next five years.



Access to Healthy Foods

23 of 64 (35.9%) adopted plans include safe pedestrian or bicycle routes to access healthy food outlets.



Access to Transit

26 of 64 (40.6%) adopted plans include safe pedestrian or bicycle routes to access public transit.



Walk Friendly Community Interest

93 of 196 (47.4%) jurisdictions expressed interest in becoming a [Walk Friendly Community](#).



Complete Streets

- **19 of 196 (9.7%)** jurisdictions have adopted a [Complete Streets](#) policy.
- **16 of 196 (8.2%)** jurisdictions plan to adopt a Complete Streets policy within the next five years.



Regional Plans

39 of 196 (19.9%) jurisdictions expressed interest in participating in a regional pedestrian (or bicycle/pedestrian) plan.

*In addition to the adopted plans recorded by the survey, nine additional plans were identified as "adopted" by jurisdictions who did not respond to the survey. These nine plans were all adopted after 2005.