



## **Transit-Oriented Design Workshop – Progress Report**

With support from the city our partner in this effort, Upstate Forever secured \$20,000 from John I. Smith Charities to support Highway 29 Corridor Revitalization efforts to support the following:

- 1) producing a white paper synthesizing reports, data analysis, and feasibility studies already completed by local jurisdictions and identifying any remaining data needs in regards to the corridor;
- 2) convening a working group of key stakeholders along the I-85 and Highway 29 corridors that will be tasked with producing an action plan and timeline for improving multimodal transportation along the corridors;
- 3) organizing and facilitating a “tour” for decision makers to another region so they see firsthand how an effective multi-modal transportation system works and learn from local officials about the process utilized to implement that system; and
- 4) begin development of a Highway 29 corridor vision that includes multimodal transportation investments made in concert with land planning policies.

Partner representatives from Greer, Upstate Forever, and Ten at the Top met to discuss next steps in this effort. At that meeting it was decided that any efforts that focused on projects/planning inside the City of Greer limits would be led by the City and any efforts focusing on the broader corridor would be led by Upstate Forever. Since then:

- Upstate Forever secured funding from New Belgium Brewing Company to purchase and analyze employment data for Greenville County to begin identifying and prioritizing potential educational and advocacy efforts to improve multimodal transportation along the corridor and throughout the County. Data has been mapped and is in the process of analysis.
- Upstate Forever has produced the draft white paper described in the first bullet above and is finalizing it.
- The Spartanburg Area Transportation Study (SPATS) and the Greenville-Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) co-hosted a SMART Mapping workshop at which more than 50 participants identified multimodal connections in the two study regions (including the Highway 29 Corridor). Participants included greenway managers, Upstate Forever, City of Greer, and TATT staff, city/county planners and transportation staff, etc.
- Upstate Forever, in concert with Greenville County Recreation District and Spartanburg County Parks, is hosting a one-day field trip to Charlotte entitled "Land Use Policy and Transportation

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Investments Working Together". The field trip will highlight the revitalization of the Historic South End following transportation investments, including Transit Oriented Development; successful Complete Streets efforts; Charlotte B-cycle; and more. Speakers will include CATS CEO Carolyn Flowers, Charlotte B-cycle Executive Director Dianna Ward, and Transportation Planning Manager Dan Gallagher. This trip is separate from the trip that will likely be planned as a part of the John I Smith project but complements our efforts just the same.

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