

**CITY OF BEAUFORT
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSESSION AGENDA**

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Monday, August 31, 2026, 1:00 P.M.

City Hall, Planning Conference Room – 1st Floor – 1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC

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I. Public Comment

II. Discussion

- A. City of Beaufort Comprehensive Plan**
- B. Consideration of a Trails and Bike Subcommittee**

III. Adjournment

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			OPERATING	CAPITAL				ONGOING	YEAR 1-2	YEAR 3-5	YEAR 6-10	YEAR 10+			
POPULATION ELEMENT															
P1	Update City Demographic Information Biennially (every other year).	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)		✓	✓				City	Being updated as part of the Comp Plan Udate.	Keep as is.
P2	Build career pathways which will help diversify the city's economic base, e.g. health care, digital commerce, and cybersecurity by leveraging partnerships with the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB), the Technical College of the Low Country (TCL), and the Beaufort County School District (BCSD), Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Beaufort, and the Beaufort Digital Corridor (BDC) – cross-listed with Economic Development.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / USCB / TCL / BCSD / BDC / MCAS / Others	This should be an Ecoomic Development related task only.	Make sure to create econimic opportunites locally for young professionals/college graduates in order to help retain younger age groups in Beaufort.
P3	Create a citizens' academy to promote understanding of civic government and the public's role in the decision-making process.	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	Not an inherent Population Element initiative.	Delete.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT															
E1	Promote business opportunities through coordination with the Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC), Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCoC), and Greater Beaufort-Port Royal Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB).	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / BCEDC / BRCoC / CVB	Coordination is occurring on a regular level but is not formal; consider more fomal or active strategies	Consider removal
E2	Assess the distribution of business and industry by 6-digit NAICS code.	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	No progress	Could consider a cluster study with the comprehensive plan
E3	Promote tourism through collaboration with the CVB, Beaufort Area Hospitality Association (BAHA), USCB, the Downtown Beaufort Merchants Association (DBMA), and other stakeholders.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / USCB / CVB / BAHA / DBMA / Others	Coordination exists, mostly through the downtown oerations deartment	Remove, mostly a Downtown Advisory Board issue
E4	Promote Beaufort Pride of Place, an initiative to beautify and improve Beaufort through private donations.	N/A			✓	ONGOING		✓					City / Community Volunteers	Initiative seems to have ended	Remove.
E5	Incentivize startups, business expansions and relocations through permitting fee rebates, tax abatement, and by encouraging private incentives from communications/ utility companies.	\$	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City / Communications and Utilities Companies	No incentives other than funding have been created	Develop incentives and retain as a goal
E6	Build career pathways to help diversify the city's economic base, e.g. health care, digital commerce, and cybersecurity by leveraging partnerships with USCB,TCL, the Beaufort County School District, the military, and the Beaufort Digital Corridor – cross-listed with population.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / USCB / TCL / BCSD / BDC / Military / Others	Ongoing with partners, but more formalized partnerships and programs should be considered	Consider combining this with other elements, and developing more formalized programs with partners
E7	Support the South Coast Cyber Center (SCCC) through partnerships and financial contributions as we strive to become a city known for cybersecurity expertise. Work with our educational partners, the military, Beaufort County, and the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce (BRCoC) to develop career pathways, research, and jobs centered around cybersecurity.	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / COUNTY / SCCC / USCB / TCL / BRCoC	City has funded cybersecurity programs and Digital Corridor	Remove
E8	Create a "corporate landing pad" by completing the second-phase renovation at 500 Carteret Street from which international companies can investigate opportunities in Beaufort - cross-listed with Community Facilities.	\$\$\$	✓	✓		FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City / BCEDC	City has funded Landing Pad and Council is Exploring its Impact in 2026	Remove
E9	Create and maintain a citywide digital inventory of businesses and commercial property and evaluate vacant or underutilized properties for development opportunities.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	No progress	Remove
E10	Publish a quarterly State of the Business Community report of business startups and closings.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	No progress	Remove or a Finance Department initiative
E11	Participate in the Lady's Island planning process - cross-listed with Land Use	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City / County / Lady's Island Stakeholders	been discussed in worksessions with County	Needs funding to continue as a goal
E12	Evaluate private and public assets for growth – cross-listed with Land Use.	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	Needs to be evaluated with Comp Plan	Consider removal
E13	Decide on and implement the recommendations from the Affordable Housing Task Force - cross-listed with Housing .	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / County / Non-profit Entities	Some recommendations have been implemented in the Code Changes	Remove
E14	Maintain a Downtown Property & Business Inventory, regularly updating the status of properties and working with property owners and/or businesses to encourage development of unutilized or under-utilized prooerties for residential or commercial use - cross-listed with Land Use.	\$	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City / DBMA / Property Owners	No progress	Remove
E15	Investigate opportunities for Vocational Training, including HVAC, masonry, electrical and plumbing - cross-listed with Community Facilities .	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City / TCL	No progress	This is a regional initiative with regional partners to move forward.
NATURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT															
N1	Continue to partner with landowners and regional agencies/organizations including the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG), to promote consistent development standards, stormwater standards, water quality standards and protection of sensitive lands and lands threatened by sea level rise.	\$	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City / County / SCDHEC / LCOG / Conservation Agencies and Stakeholders	Protection of sensitive lands and cross-agency coordination has been an ongoing process.	1. Expand and maintain Beaufort's urban forest through tree preservation and planting while encouraging landscaping using native species. 2. Expand the network of parks, trails, wetlands, floodplains, and open spaces to create an interconnected ecological network. 3. Preserve and improve water quality throughout the City's rivers, estuaries, wetlands, and groundwater resources.
N2	Review and formally adopt the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Design Manual, as amended – cross-listed with Community Facilities and Resiliency .	N/A				FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	Adopted and in effect.	
N3	In collaboration with the County and adjacent municipalities, create an urban forest masterplan.	(SEE SUBTASKS)				(SEE SUBTASKS)							(SEE SUBTASKS)	Incomplete.	
Subtask N3a	Complete an urban tree canopy survey.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City / County / Town of Port Royal	Incomplete.	
Subtask N3b	Establish a tree planting plan that includes setting a baseline tree canopy coverage and identifies key goals for preservation and expansion of the canopy.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q2)			✓				City / County / Town of Port Royal	Incomplete.	
Subtask N3c	Create an urban and natural forest inventory in GIS for use in managing canopy protection.	\$	✓			FY 2024 (Q1)				✓			City / County / Town of Port Royal	Incomplete.	
N4	Study the feasibility of funding and implementing an overhead to underground power line conversion program – cross-listed with Community Facilities .	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q2)			✓					Incomplete.	
N5	Anticipate impacts of sea level rise and increased flooding.	(SEE SUBTASKS)				(SEE SUBTASKS)							(SEE SUBTASKS)	vague. Hard to validate completeness.	
Subtask N5a	Utilize previous work contained and referenced in the Resilient Coastal Sites for Conservation in the South Atlantic United States (2019), and the Port Royal Sound Water Shed Analysis and Water Quality Priority Index (2021), leveraged by The Nature Conservancy.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City / County / Environmental Agencies and Stakeholders	Incomplete.	
Subtask N5b	Use the Beaufort County Greenprint Plan 2020 and Greenprint priority mapping to ensure that new development supports resource conservation.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Incomplete.	
Subtask N5c	Identify areas critical for flood control and natural resource protection, as well as higher ground that may be more suitable for development.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / County / Environmental Agencies and Stakeholders	The citys GIS maps should provide for this goal.	
N6	Create a green network/green infrastructure masterplan that identifies, then links open spaces, low-lying lands, floodplains, parks, conservation areas, greenways, and environmental amenities across the sectors of the city.	\$\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	Incomplete, but easy to make based off of existing maps and data.	
N7	Strengthen the tree ordinance to protect the natural environment.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Tree relevant sections in code have been updated.	
N8	Review and strengthen the current tree pruning and trimming agreement with Dominion Energy to identify potential modifications that would best serve the residents of the City of Beaufort and renegotiate the agreement.	\$	✓			FY 2024 (Q1)				✓			City / Dominion Energy	Incomplete.	
CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT															
C1	Preserve and reuse historic structures - cross-listed with Housing.	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / Preservation Agencies and Stakeholders	The continuous conservation/preservation of the Beaufort Historic District together with identifying historic structures for re-use and rehabilitation are ongoing goals.	Keep as is.
C2	Support the expansion of the Reconstruction Era National Historic Park as Beaufort seeks to become the center for the exploration of Reconstruction history.	N/A			✓	ONGOING		✓					City / National Park Service / Other Partners	City administration to collaborate with NPS staff in supporting joint goals for also preserving the Reconstruction Era related history, as evident is specific structures and uses, within the Beaufort Historic District.	Rephrase goal as stated within comments box.
C3	Update the Beaufort preservation manuals.	\$\$	✓			COMPLETED			✓		✓		City / Consultants / Preservation Agencies and Stakeholders	The last update was completed in 2022. Based on requests from the HDRB, new revisions and amendments shall be explored and implemented.	Keep as is.
C4	Update the survey of above-ground structures.	N/A			✓	COMPLETED			✓				City / Consultants / State Historic Preservation Office / Preservation Agencies and Stakeholders	Has been last addressed/completed in 2021. For 2026 Update, this is not a negligible initiative.	Not a pressing matter. New inventory to be done in 2030 or later.
C5	Preserve and protect the National Historic Landmark District.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City / Preservation Agencies and Stakeholders	Keep initiative/goal as is.	Keep as is.
C6	Provide technical support to historic neighborhoods and property owners.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	Keep initiative/goal as is.	Keep as is.
C7	Create a detailed small area plan for Northwest Quarter, Bladen Street, and Commons District (employ 3-D model and figure-ground analysis).	\$\$	✓			FY 2024 (Q3)				✓			City / Consultant	Has not been started or completed yet.	Focus on creating economic opportunities with rehabilitating and restoring dilapidated historic structures within the Northwest Quadrant.
C8	Create a viewshed analysis of the city.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City / Beaufort County Open Land Trust / Consultant	Has not been started or completed yet.	Delete.

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C9	Prioritize quadrants to place aboveground power lines underground, and work with Dominion Energy to consistently clean up old wires, straighten wires and maintain the above ground system in a tidy manner.	\$\$\$\$	✓	✓		FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	Has not been started or completed yet.	Should remain as an initiative, but move and include as initiative/goal within either Community Facilities or Resiliency Element
C10	Improve wayfinding signage downtown and in the Historic District - <i>cross-listed with Community Facilities</i> .	\$	✓	✓		FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City	May have started before, but should definitely be included in 2026 Update.	Should remain as an initiative, but move and include as initiative/goal "Promote business opportunities/tourism/Pride of Place within downtown Beaufort" within Economic Development section.
C11	Work with USCB to expand student art projects into the community.	\$	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City / USCB	Keep initiative/goal as is.	Keep as is.
C12	Work with the Greater Beaufort-Port Royal CVB Sports Council to bring tournaments to Beaufort.	TBD	✓	✓	✓	FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City / County / CVB	Has not been started or completed yet.	Should either be removed entirely or moved to Economic Development section.
C13	Continue the development and execution of key festivals, including the Beaufort Shrimp Festival, Beaufort Oyster Festival, Original Gullah Festival, Beaufort Water Festival, and A Taste of Beaufort.	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / CVB / DBMA / Festival Partners / Volunteers / Others	Ongoing initiative/collaboration between Downtown Operations/CVB/etc.	Should either be removed entirely or moved to Economic Development section.
C14	Support the recommendations of the National Park Service's Beaufort National Historic Landmark District Integrity and Condition Study.	TBD				ONGOING		✓					City	Has not been started or completed yet.	Combine with previous initiative/goal of working together with NPS/Reconstruction Era National Historic Park to promote further historic preservation/development.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT															
CF1	Create a "corporate landing pad" by completing the second-phase renovation at 500 Carteret Street from which international companies can investigate opportunities in Beaufort - <i>cross-listed with Economic Development</i> .	\$\$\$	✓	✓		FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City / BCEDC	City has funded Landing Pad and Council is Exploring its impact in 2026	Remove
CF2	Improve wayfinding signage downtown and in the Historic District - <i>cross-listed with Cultural Resources</i> .	\$	✓	✓		FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City	May have started before, but should be included in 2026 Update.	Should remain as an initiative, but move and include as initiative/goal "Promote business opportunities/tourism/Pride of Place within downtown Beaufort" within Economic Development section.
CF3	Maintain an inventory of needs for the improvement of the existing neighborhood parks - <i>cross-listed with Land Use</i> .	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / County	No Progress	Remove
CF4	Create and implement a replacement schedule for park equipment/structures.	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / County	No Progress	Remove
CF5	Implement the recommendations from the Southside Park Task Force, including the preparation of a Southside Park Comprehensive Plan - <i>cross-listed with Land Use</i> .	TBD	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City / County	Southside Park has been partially developed	Remove
CF6	Improve the existing marina and expand the day dock facilities.	TBD	✓	✓		ONGOING		✓					City	May have started before/Ongoing, but should be included in 2026 Update.	Should remain as an initiative.
CF7	Build on findings from Charles Lind Brown Center/Greene Street Gym Survey of Community Needs.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	May have started before/Ongoing. There should be discussion on whether this is a necessary initiative.	Remove
CF8	Prioritize deferred maintenance of infrastructure and advise County of priorities where applicable.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City / County	May have started before/Ongoing, but should be included in 2026 Update.	Should remain as an initiative.
CF9	Enhance emergency medical response by coordinating with the Beaufort County EMS to share facilities that can house both fire and EMS units.	?	✓	✓	✓	FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City / County	May have started before/Ongoing, but should be included in 2026 Update.	Remove
CF10	Establish training/education training programs for board/commission members and citizens.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	Training programs currently exist through MASCC, and training sessions with Staff are occurring and ongoing.	Remove
CF11	Continue to build social media presence.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	Ongoing	Could remain as an initiative.
CF12	Increase the distribution of the monthly newsletter.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	Ongoing	Could remain as an initiative.
CF13	Conduct more surveys to gather community input.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	Ongoing	Could remain as an initiative.
CF14	Coordinate the parking needs of the Technical College of the Lowcountry and Beaufort Memorial Hospital (BMH) to minimize impervious surface and driveways.	N/A				FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City / TCL / BMH	This goal has not begun. There should be discussion on whether this is a necessary initiative.	Remove
CF15	Conduct an electric vehicle charging station feasibility study that analyzes vehicle charging power demands, public-private investment, and infrastructure requirements - <i>cross-listed with Transportation and Resiliency</i> .	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	This goal has not begun. There should be discussion on whether this is a necessary initiative.	Remove
CF16	Review and formally adopt the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Design Manual, as amended - <i>cross-listed with Natural Resources and Resiliency</i> .	N/A				FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	Adopted and in effect.	Remove or keep in perpetuity to maintain a constantly up-to-date Stormwater Manual.
CF17	Review all public facilities regarding safety and accessibility (e.g., lighting, access, police patrol...).	TBD	✓	✓		ONGOING		✓					City	This goal has not begun. There should be discussion on whether this is a necessary initiative.	Remove
CF18	Study the feasibility of funding and implementing an overhead to underground power line conversion program - <i>cross-listed with Natural Resources</i> .	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q2)			✓					This goal has not begun. There should be discussion on whether this is a necessary initiative.	Remove. Feasibility study is not a necessary initiative and is a waste of money. The benefits of such a program are clear to all. The only barrier to a powerline conversion program is cost.
CF19	Investigate opportunities for Vocational Training, including HVAC, masonry, electrical and plumbing - <i>cross-listed with Economic Development</i> .	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City / TCL	No progress	This is a regional initiative with regional partners to move forward.
HOUSING ELEMENT															
H1	Review, edit, and implement the recommendations from the Affordable Housing Task Force - <i>cross-listed with Economic Development</i> .	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / County / Non-profit Entities	Pc Adopted in July 2026	Remove.
H2	Work with landowners on developing economically viable multifamily housing.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Many units have gone up since 2021	Remove.
H3	Permit a wide range of housing types within the Beaufort Code.	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	Over 3000 units have been permitted since 2026	Remove.
H4	Preserve and reuse historic structures - <i>cross-listed in Cultural Resources</i> .	TBD	✓	✓	✓	ONGOING		✓					City / Preservation Agencies and Stakeholders	Historic District Task Force, HRB and PC have all been working on changes to update code and preservation manual	
H5	Support the 1795 Scholarship Committee (stipend for student housing in Beaufort).	TBD	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City	No progress	Remove.
H6	Promote infill incentives, including those already recognized in the City of Beaufort Code of Ordinances - <i>cross-listed with Land Use</i> .	TBD	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City	No specific incentives have been developed	Staff believes economic incentives should be considered and created.
H7	Develop a public transportation system within the city with Palmetto Breeze or a private company - <i>cross-listed with the Transportation Element</i> .	TBD			✓	FY 2024 (Q1)				✓			City / Town of Port Royal / Palmetto Breeze or other Transit Agency	Staff will include the new plan as an appendix	Remove.
H8	Research the feasibility of establishing a city-sponsored homebuyer assistance program.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City	No progress	Consider finding funding
H9	Investigate creating an inclusionary housing program based on allowing a density bonus in exchange for affordable housing.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	Inclusionary Housing is not allowed in SC	Remove.
H10	Petition for and support Palmetto Breeze's efforts to establish a fixed-route bus service in the Beaufort/Port Royal area - <i>cross-listed with Transportation</i> .	N/A			✓	ONGOING		✓					City / Town of Port Royal / Palmetto Breeze or other Transit agency	No progress	Remove.
LAND USE ELEMENT															
L1	Evaluate and update the Beaufort Development Code.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	Pc Adopted in July 2026	Remove.
L2	Maintain a Downtown Property & Business Inventory, regularly updating the status of properties and working with property owners and/or businesses to encourage development of unutilized or under-utilized properties for residential or commercial use - <i>cross-listed with Economic Development</i> .	\$	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City / DBMA / Property Owners	No progress	This should be a downtown advisory board effort
L3	Prepare small area plans for neighborhoods and districts, such as what was prepared for the Northwest Quadrant.	\$\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	No progress	If desired, need to identify areas for a small area plan
L4	Evaluate private and public assets for growth - <i>cross-listed with Economic Development</i> .	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)							City	Finance Department has put together materials for City Council in 2026	Remove.
L5	Evaluate environmental, municipal, and private constraints on growth.	\$\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City	Part of Code Updates	Remove.
L6	Determine commercial and residential focus areas.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City	Some changes to Overlays in Code	Consider combining with small area plans
L7	Promote infill incentives, including those already recognized in the City of Beaufort Code of Ordinances - <i>cross-listed with Housing</i> .	TBD	✓		✓	ONGOING		✓					City	No progress	Combine with other infill element
L8	Focus annexation efforts on parcels surrounded by the city limits and contingent properties in Tax District 100.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Discussed at Strategic Planning Session but did not produce any changes	Consider incentives

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L9	Enact land use polices and Beaufort Code changes with the goal of reducing VMT (vehicle miles traveled per capita) – <i>cross-listed with Resiliency and Transportation.</i>	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	Urban based standards worked on in Development	Remove.
L10	Manage Northern Regional Plan growth boundaries.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	No progress.	This should be a major goal/focus of this update.
L11	Maintain an inventory of needs for the improvement of the existing neighborhood parks. - <i>cross-listed with Community Facilities</i>	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / County	No progress	Remove
L12	Implement the recommendations from the Southside Park Task Force, including the preparation of a Southside Park Comorehensive Plan – <i>cross-listed with Community Facilities.</i>	TBD	✓			ONGOING			✓				City / County	Southside Park has been partially developed	Remove
L13	Develop a program for the management and enforcement of unsafe or dilapidated structures.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	PC and Historic District Task Force have worked on demolition	Retain ,and make a goal
L14	Evaluate greater residential density in established zoning districts.	N/A				FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	Part of Code Updates	Remove
L15	Participate in the Lady’s Island planning process – <i>cross-listed with Economic Development</i>	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	Discussed over numerous worksessions, but no funding	Consider as the area plan
TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT															
T1	Update the street infrastructure plan with an emphasis on street sections that are near or at road capacity.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	The Street Network Plan (contained within the development code Appendix C.) is sparingly referenced. The Comp Plan update will include a road capacity/volume map. This initiative should be discussed.	1. Update and implement complete streets initiatives that provide users the ability to safely utilize Beauforts transportation network regardless of transportation mode. 2. Establish in conjunction with regional partners a system of fixed-route transit within the Beaufort-Port Royal area. 3. Improve and maintain the safety, flow and connectivity of roadways. 4. Provide safe and reliable evacuation routes.
T2	Support street design that moves traffic efficiently and safely through our community.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	This initiative is included in the CP update. This is a major goal of the transportation section.	
T3	Petition for and support Palmetto Breeze’s efforts to establish a fixed-route bus service in the Beaufort/Port Royal area – <i>cross-listed with Housing.</i>	N/A			✓	ONGOING		✓					City / Town of Port Royal / Palmetto Breeze or other Transit Aeency	This initiative is included in the CP update. This is a major goal of the transportation section.	
T4	Evaluate parking and shuttle service, with a focus on downtown.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	The CP update discusses shuttle feasibility and downtown parking, though no updated study has been taking reasrdine this goal.	
T5	Create a connectivity study of pedestrian/bicycle paths with the goal of enhancing access throughout the city, with a focus on connecting schools, civic spaces, and places of employment.	\$\$	✓			FY 2024 (Q1)				✓			City / BCSD /Consultant	There has been no progress on this goal. This may be a worthy study that could improve multimodal connection in Beaufort.	
T6	Support the regional recommendations of the Beaufort County Connects: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2021.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	This initiative is included in the CP update. This is a major goal of the transportation section.	
T7	Enact land use polices and Beaufort Code changes with the goal of reducing VMT (vehicle miles traveled per capita) – <i>cross-listed with the Land Use and Resiliency Elements .</i>	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	This goal is being addressed through code revisions.	
T8	Ensure street improvement projects give equal consideration to the needs of all users in its design - transit, automobiles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	This goal is actively being addressed with ongoing projects through the city.	
T9	Recognize the Spanish Moss Trail as the backbone of our mobility infrastructure for non-motorized travel.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	This has been addressed in the CP and is actively referred to.	
T10	Recognize that regional transportation facilities such as Trask Parkway (US 21), Boundary Street (west of Ribaut Road), Robert Smalls Parkway (SC 170), Ribaut Road and Sea Island Parkway are multimodal corridors that accommodate passenger vehicles, freight, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	This has been addressed in the CP and is actively referred to, though there is still more work to be done with physical safety improvements.	
T11	Where on-street parking is not practical, encourage enhanced bicycle and pedestrian paths and landscaping.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	This goal is addressed in current projects.	
T12	Develop a public transportation system within the city with Palmetto Breeze or a private company - <i>cross-listed with the Housing Element.</i>	TBD			✓	FY 2024 (Q1)				✓			City / Town of Port Royal / Palmetto Breeze or other Transit agency	This goal is discussed in the CP update and is an ongoing process.	
T13	Conduct an electric vehicle charging station feasibility study that analyzes vehicle charging power demands, public-private investment, and infrastructure requirements – <i>cross-listed with Community Facilities and Resiliency.</i>	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	This goal has not begun. There should be discussion on whether this is a necessary initiative.	
T14	Support the development of a trolley system that will loop the City of Beaufort, Town of Port Royal, and Lady’s Island with an external feeder bus system to residents outside of the city.												City / Town of Port Royal / County	This goal is discussed in the CP update and is an ongoing process.	
T15	Monitor current and future development on Lady’s Island and its impact on accessibility, hurricane evacuation, and the Woods Memorial Bridge in terms of both a functional element of an important transportation corridor and the potential for the bridge to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.												City / County	There has been little progress on the monitoring and development of Lady’s Island. There should be discussion on the Woods Memorial Bridge and this goal.	
RESILIENCY ELEMENT															
R1	Establish regional cooperation on resilience planning.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City / County / Resiliency Agencies and Stakeholders	Addressed by Hazard Mitigation Plan	1.Reduce vulnerability to coastal flooding, storm surge, tidal flooding, and extreme rainfall through resilient infrastructure investments and updated building and engineering standards.
R1a	Coordinate enhanced flooding resiliency strategies, planning, design and engineering standards across all codes, plans and policies.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City	Work has been done to update some standards.	2.Protect and restore natural systems—including wetlands, marshes, floodplains, urban tree canopy, and open space—that provide flood attenuation, improve water quality, and support ecosystem health.
R1b	Coordinate policies with the recommendations of the Sea Level Rise Task Force, which includes notifications to owners of properties within the sea level rise impact area.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City / Impacted property owners	Incomplete. Unsure about this task force.	3.Encourage development patterns and building practices that reduce future flood risk by directing growth away from vulnerable areas.
R1c	Promote resiliency and sustainability as a necessary growth and economic development strategy.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Code updates can be considered as meeting this goal	
R2	Plan for resilience from major storm events.	(SEE SUBTASKS)				(SEE SUBTASKS)							(SEE SUBTASKS)	Addressed by Hazard Mitigation Plan	
R2a	Review and formally adopt the Southern Lowcountry Stormwater Design Manual, as amended - <i>cross-listed with Community Facilities and Natural Resources.</i>	N/A				FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	unsure	
R2b	Create long-term plans to direct new development and critical infrastructure away from areas impacted from areas at risk of enhanced flooding.	\$\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City/ Resiliency Agencies and Stakeholders	Incomplete	
R2c	Assess existing stormwater plans for future effectiveness and prioritize and evaluate individual stormwater drainage basins, particularly those that are prime for future development.	\$\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City / Resiliency Agencies and Stakeholders	Incomplete	
R2d	Increase low-impact development standards and buffers.	N/A				FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City / Resiliency Agencies and Stakeholders	Possibly addressed through code updates.	
R2e	Incentivize land purchases in flood-prone areas for open space preservation.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City / Resiliency Agencies and Stakeholders	Incomplete	
R2f	Adopt sea level rise mitigations that protect population, buildings, infrastructure and neighborhoods from its impacts.	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City / Resiliency Agencies and Stakeholders	Incomplete	
R3	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through renewable energy generation, energy efficiency, and mobility options.	(SEE SUBTASKS)				(SEE SUBTASKS)							(SEE SUBTASKS)	Vague. In progress through transportation improvements, but otherwise Incomplete.	
R3a	Conduct an emissions inventory of City operations.	\$	✓			FY 2022 (Q4)			✓				City	Incomplete	
R3b	Promote greater access to solar or other alternative energy sources.	N/A											City	Incomplete	
R3c	Replace all streetlights with LED lighting.	\$	✓	✓		ONGOING			✓				City	Incomplete	
R3d	Determine the feasibility of a gradual switch to electric vehicles used for city operations.	\$\$	✓	✓		FY 2023 (Q3)				✓			City	Incomplete	
R3e	Expand the use of “Green” building, development, and operations practices to reduce consumption of natural resources, promote energy efficiency, and reduce pollution.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City / Development Community	Incomplete	
R3f	Enact land use polices and Beaufort Code changes with the goal of reducing VMT (vehicle miles traveled per capita) – <i>cross-listed with Transportation and with Land Use.</i>	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q1)			✓				City	Adressed through code revisions	
R3g	Conduct an electric vehicle charging station feasibility study that analyzes vehicle charging power demands, public-private investment, and infrastructure requirements – <i>cross-listed with Community Facilities and Transportation</i>	\$	✓			FY 2023 (Q3)			✓				City	Incomplete	
R4	Conserve water and retain water quality	(SEE SUBTASKS)				(SEE SUBTASKS)							(SEE SUBTASKS)	Stormwater improvements are in progress throughout the city.	
R4a	Use native plantings and drought- tolerant plants.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Possibly addressed.	
R4b	Use rainwater harvesting to preserve precious water supply.	N/A				ONGOING		✓					City	Possibly addressed.	
R4c	In coordination with LCOG and the 208 Water Quality Management Plan, monitor city groundwater sources for water quality and capacity.	\$	✓			ONGOING		✓					City / LCOG	Possibly addressed.	
R5	Support existing neighborhood associations and assist with the formation of associations in neighborhoods that currently do not have them.					ONGOING		✓						No new neighborhood foundations have been created.	
R6	Continue to serve as a regional partner in a county-wide effort to improve recycling programs and promote activities that reduce overall waste.					ONGOING		✓					City / Town of Port Royal / County	Addressed by Hazard Mitigation Plan	

Completed and/or
further included in
2026 Update.

Ongoing/ In
Progress

Incomplete/ Not
Started


Not recommended
for future updates

*Projected Cost: \$ = < \$50K; \$\$ = \$50K - \$250K; \$\$\$ = \$250K - \$1M; \$\$\$\$ => \$1M