

CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 10

**(I): Incumbent*

Harry Griffin (I): NO RESPONSES

1.) One of Charleston Moves' top priorities is to Bridge the Ashley. This means achieving safe crossing infrastructure for people to walk and bicycle over the Ashley River Bridge, the North Bridge, and the James Island Connector and Wappoo Cut Bridge. If elected, how will you support our goal?

Stephen Bowden: *I will support bridging the Ashley by selling the projects to citizens based on the benefits of improved bikeability. People may not bike often, but they do sit in traffic, they would like to see commercial revitalization in West Ashley, and they would like to see beautification in West Ashley.*

I will also work hard to improve communication between governments that would be responsible for these projects.

2.) Is there a bike/pedestrian improvement project about which you are particularly passionate? This could be a project in the works that is important to you, or something you believe the City should take on.

Stephen Bowden: *I would like to see improved bikeability in outer West Ashley and along Highway 61. This will require new bridges over the train tracks and Church Creek. However, it would be an incredible benefit to individuals. and businesses*

3.) The City of Charleston does not have a dedicated sidewalk and/or multi-use path program as a line item in its budget. Nor does the City have dedicated funding to implement the People Pedal Plan or Citywide Transportation Plan. Do you support adding any of these to the budget, and if so, which ones?

Stephen Bowden: *I would support dedicated funding to implement the Citywide Transportation Plan.*

4.) South Carolina is one of the most dangerous states in the nation for people walking and biking, and Charleston County is leading the state in deaths and injuries to people walking and biking. If elected, how will you work to make the City of Charleston safer for people on bikes and foot?

Stephen Bowden: *We have to dedicate areas for people to bike and walk. Implementing something like the Citywide transportation plan would go a long way towards doing that. Further, we need better signage to warn drivers about people biking and better education for drivers.*

5.) What strategies would you propose to increase transit ridership?

Stephen Bowden: *Transit needs to reach more people in order to have more riders. I would fully support expanding the Rapid Transit Bus Line into West Ashley. It has to be convenient for people to get to and people have to know it's reliable before they will use it.*