

CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 12

**(I): Incumbent*

Caroline Parker: 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?

Carol Jackson (I): Yes, I have supported this variety of safe crossings even before I've been the James Island City Council since 2017. Of course I'd love to hope we can bridge the JI Connector, but meanwhile, I have voted for and championed Ashley River Bridge, and now North Bridge.

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.

Carol Jackson (I): Full completion of ReThink Folly Road Vision Plan. Segment 1 in the Commercial Core has taken forever, but hopefully the next Segment on south end of James Island will be easier to engineer and obtain Rights of Way.

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?

Carol Jackson (I): I support each of these infrastructure goals, but want to add sidewalks and multi-use paths to our regular annual budget. At the same time, we need to become better stewards of development work to maximize all SC allows to municipalities to require of development.

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?

Carol Jackson (I): I use my elected official voice to promote bike/ped safety at every opportunity. I am the City's representative to the ReThink Folly Road Steering Committee. The mission is to add a multi-use path all along Folly Road. I serve on Council Traffic and Transportation Committee where we have recommended a variety of bike/ped safety projects and policies to implement more of the same. Brigade Street a model for the ongoing future that I support and champion.

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

Carol Jackson (I): More buses, more frequently on the CARTA routes that make the most sense. I lobbied Chairman Seekings to personally support the addition of a 2nd Route 31 bus. When it was funded and running, ridership increased 50% in a few months. I am also a fan of feeder neighborhood Shuttles for bringing people to CARTA stops regularly. I would vote for additional experimental Ferry services for the Sea Islands, instead of only Daniel Island.

I would love to plan for light rail, trolley type system, beginning as a model project along Sam Rittenburg, Blvd. We can continue with a similar service along Folly Rd, but that will be longer in the making.

Thank you for this opportunity. Best regards, Carol Jackson