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The communications committee members continue to work together to promote each other's programs, events, and pertinent information. In addition to already existing emails, newsletters, and social media accounts, the JCUAB webpage was established to create an additional accessible communication avenue. Recognizing a gap in committee representation, Vickie Roberts, a member of the Faculty and Staff Senate, was invited to join. In addition to increased integration of technology, the group is working towards more frequent and consistent communication with other committees to be able to pass along more information to the community. The group is particularly focused on ways to communicate good stewardship of both University and City facilities and the ability to promote the opportunity for students and community members to coexist within the City.

The Public Safety committee is focused on effective and efficient planning and response. To that end, two Joint City-University Active Threat Tabletop exercises were conducted with Fire, Police, and Emergency Management first-line and mid-level supervisors. A Public Safety events calendar was created to prevent duplication of efforts and encourage collaboration when planning activities. The group is working on a feasibility study for the potential creation of a public safety training facility to increase preparedness and plans to integrate software that will allow for more efficient communication throughout the county. The group is planning Active Threat training for City Government organizations to provide employees with key safety information.

The City of Clemson, in coordination with the University, created the CATbus Gold Route to reduce wait times, relieve the congestion on the Red Route and increase ridership. The Gold Route provides greater access to goods and services for the Clemson community. The group continues to work together to improve transit and transportation in the area.

Athletics are always essential to the economic health of the area, even during the off season for the University's largest sports. The 2023 Dixie Youth Division 1 AAA State Baseball Tournament was held at Doug Kingsmore Stadium, bringing over 144 players and their coaches and families to the area. Spring Break Rowing was hosted at Twelve Mile Park this year, and the University opened the Snow Recreation Center to serve as an overflow area to ease the transition, helping preserve hotel sales in the City.

The Housing Committee is in research, evaluation, and data analysis mode. Members are evaluating University enrollment projects, refining the assessment of student housing inventory in and around Clemson, and observing the number of students versus traditional renters in the City's rental housing program. This data will help the committee develop methods to prepare local communities to successfully and happily share their neighborhoods with students and methods to encourage students to use alternative transportation. The group is also looking for ways to maintain and expand Affordable Housing within the City of Clemson.

The Public Works and Utilities group is working on physical connectivity. The University will be tying into the Highway 76 and Perimeter Road intersection with additional projects planned to facilitate connectivity. Also, the City and University are working to gain authorization from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to begin the Safe Streets for All grant which will study car, bike, bus, and pedestrian safety throughout the area. They are also working with Pickens and Anderson counties on a Regional Transportation Study to develop a long range regional transportation plan in preparation for growth over the next 20 years. The study will look at specific advancements of roads, intersections, and joint bus improvements and develop a plan for these developments to take place.

The City and University have also partnered with the City of Seneca on the development of the Black Heritage Trail, a long-term project that is currently well under way. More information on this project can be found on page 8.

