



The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan Project Update

Board Transportation Committee
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Phase One Project Schedule and Milestones

	2020							2021									
	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	
Project Management		[Dark blue bar spanning from July 2020 to September 2021]															
Policy + Plan Audit		[Dark blue bar spanning from July 2020 to March 2021]															
Existing Condition Review		[Dark blue bar spanning from July 2020 to March 2021]															
Community Engagement			[Dark blue bar spanning from August 2020 to August 2021]														
Vision, Goals, Objectives + Benefits									[Dark blue bar spanning from February 2021 to August 2021]								
Safe Streets Program Plan								[Dark blue bar spanning from January 2021 to August 2021]									
Board Action																	[Dark blue bar in September 2021]


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Benefits of Active Transportation

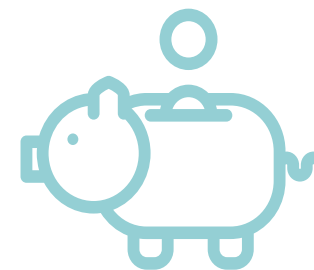
Additional active trips and reduced vehicle trips would result in up to \$74 million of health, environmental, and transportation benefits annually for Fairfax County.



\$17.8 million
in healthcare savings



A reduction of **39,000**
metric tons
of CO2 emissions



A reduction of
\$13.9 million
In vehicle crash costs

Community Engagement between April 1 and May 15, 2021



1,400+

virtual **community surveys** received



1,150+

comments on virtual **Barrier + Destination Feedback Map**



450+

comments on virtual **Planned Trail + Bikeway Network + Complete Streets Map**



12

virtual **community conversations**



1,150+

Paper survey and feedback maps distributed at government centers, community centers and RECenters



2,000+

pre-stamped paper surveys in 8 languages distributed at food distribution sites

Community Engagement Summary



- Main reasons for active travel are for exercise, relaxation, spending time outdoors and to get to a destination
- Primary destinations are parks, trails, and businesses/services (other than work), followed by places of work and schools
- Desire for more
 - connected, comfortable and well-maintained sidewalks, bikeways and trails with frequent and safer street crossings;
 - slower vehicle speeds;
 - street trees; sidewalk and trail lighting;
 - secure and convenient bike parking;
 - more destinations in walking or biking distance
- About 70% of respondents are interested in riding a bicycle or micromobility vehicle
- Complete Streets and trails are viewed as important to stay healthy and active, provide equitable transportation choices, and good for local business and the environment

Proposed Draft Active Transportation Vision Statement

“Fairfax County streets, sidewalks, bikeways and trails are welcoming places where people of diverse races, cultures, incomes and ages feel comfortable walking, biking, or using other forms of active transportation to safely and conveniently access the widest range of destinations, or to exercise, relax or spent time outdoors.”



Proposed Draft Active Transportation Goals

- **Access and Connectivity:** Provide a well-connected multi-modal transportation network that provides safe, comfortable and convenient mobility options for all residents of Fairfax County.
- **Objectives:**
 - Plan and implement a comprehensive and efficient network of comfortable, safe and well-maintained sidewalks, bikeways and trails that link neighborhoods and activity centers, and provide convenient access to the widest range of destinations.
 - Meet active transportation needs in all County capital improvement projects and throughout all phases of development.
 - Reduce travel distances by implementing best practices in land use planning.
 - Monitor new trends and technologies and update standards to encourage their use.



Proposed Draft Active Transportation Goals

- **Safety and Comfort:** Increase active transportation user safety and comfort.
- **Objectives:**
 - Adopt a Safe Streets Policy and implement the strategies outlined in the Safe Streets Program Plan to minimize traffic injuries and fatalities.
 - Pursue policies and incentives that reduce vehicle miles traveled and vehicle travel speeds.
 - Adopt and apply context sensitive multi-modal street and trail design standards that meet best practices and community needs, monitor effectiveness and update the recommendations as needed.
 - Monitor crash factors and provide targeted multi-modal education on transportation safety best practices.



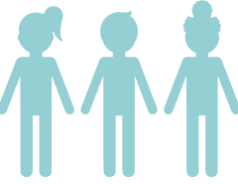
Proposed Draft Active Transportation Goals

- **Livability and Health:** Support public health, environmental quality and economic prosperity by providing inviting and enjoyable sidewalks, bikeways and trails that encourage frequent usage.
- **Objectives:**
 - Apply best practices is context-sensitive street design, including wider sidewalks, narrower streets, lower design speeds and traffic calming measures in residential and commercial areas.
 - Provide supporting amenities such as street trees, pedestrian scale lighting, benches and bike racks along active transportation facilities, and include placemaking and green infrastructure elements.
 - Maintain sidewalks, bikeways, trails and supporting amenities regularly, to enhance user experience, safety and comfort.
 - Provide a variety of educational and promotional programs and events to boost the use of active transportation facilities and programs.



Draft Active Transportation Goals

- **Equity and Social Justice:** Provide an inclusive multi-modal transportation system that prioritizes the needs of communities of color, low-income communities and other vulnerable road users such as small children and caretakers, youth, people with disabilities, and older adults.
- **Objectives:**
 - Adhere to the goals of the One Fairfax Policy.
 - Apply best practices in inclusive public engagement to adequately determine the utilitarian and recreational active transportation needs of communities of color, low-income communities and other vulnerable road users.
 - Prioritize the needs of communities of color, low-income communities and other vulnerable road users in the funding, planning, design and maintenance of all transportation facilities.



Next Steps



- **Proposed draft Vision, Goals and Objectives**
 - Development of strategies and metrics
 - Board Transportation Committee review of strategies and metrics in June 2021
 - Public review July through August 2021
 - Board action in September 2021
- **Proposed draft Safe Streets Program Plan**
 - Board Transportation Committee review in June 2021
 - Public review July through August 2021
 - Board action in September 2021
- **Identify funding for Phase II**

Phase Two Project Tasks

- Development of Funding Prioritization
- Development of an Active Transportation Facility Selection Toolkit
- Network Recommendations
- Program Recommendations
- Policy Recommendations
- Implementation Guidance
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment





Feedback requested from the Board:

- Do the proposed draft active transportation vision, goals and objectives align with your active transportation priorities?
- Which key strategies to achieve the proposed draft vision, goals and objects would you like to see included?

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