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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7 PM, 12 June 2019

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,
Conference Room 4-5

Web Site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails>

Note-Taker: Wade Smith

Committee Members in Attendance: Representative At-Large and Chair Ken Comer, Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Stiven Foster (Providence), Robert W. Michie (Lee), Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Beth Iannetta (Fairfax County Park Authority), Shawn Newman (Fairfax County Alliance for Better Bicycling), James Albright (Mason)

Committee Members Absent: Karl Liebert (Springfield), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations), Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority)

Others in Attendance: Chris Wells (FCDOT), Nicole Wynands (FCDOT)

The meeting was called to order by Representative At-Large and Chairman Ken Comer at 7:05 PM.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Approval of the Minutes

The meeting notes from the 10 April 2019 meeting were approved by voice vote with amendment.

The meeting notes from the 8 May 2019 meeting were approved by voice vote with amendment.

Presentation

There was no presentation.

Staff Report

The Fairfax County Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs team is currently working on the following items:

- Bikeshare will be launched in Merrifield on June 19th.
- An expansion of bikeshare in Reston and Providence is also underway.
- Repaving implementation is underway. The first bike lanes of 2019 will be installed in the Mason District next week. We have installed several new crosswalks so far, with the possibility of adding a few more.
- Bike to Work Day 2019 was successful. We had 250 participants at FCDOT hosted pit stops; 20 registered for the more flexible virtual pit stop option.
- FCDOT staff attended the Safe Walking Summit, organized by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, in Merrifield on June 4th.
- The Public Facility Manual section on trails, sidewalks and bikeways is currently under review.

- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs Team has received funding to update the Bike Master Plan and Trails Plan and are working on the scope.
- FCDOT is working on a comprehensive update of the County's trails network. The last update was done in 2002.
- Updates to the Fairfax County Bike Map are underway and will include translation to Spanish.
- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs Team applied for I-395/I-95 commuter choice funding, in collaboration with Fairfax Connector, for a project that would include enhanced transit service at three County Park and Rides, secure bike parking and bike wayfinding.
- In national news: NACTO published new bike facility design guidance on protected intersections and raised driveway crossings.
- Negotiations regarding the pedestrian bridge across the Beltway between the Tysons Corner Center and Old Meadow Road are nearing completion. Negotiations have been completed with the Tysons Corner Center. Negotiations are still ongoing with the landowners on the Old Meadow Road side.
- FCDOT has received revised plans for the VDOT project to extend the Express lanes to the American Legion Bridge.

Other Business

INOVA Center development: A transportation task force has been established to make recommendations. The task force does not have a Trails, Sidewalks, and Bikeways Committee representative on it.

Update on a trail connection between the Lorton VRE station to the Cross County Trail: Discussions continue on how to make this connection in a cost-effective way. A third track will be added to the CSX right-of-way through the Lorton Station. It may be possible to use the required construction of bridge for this track over Pohick Creek to get part of the trail built under the CSX tracks at that location. The possibilities of less expensive alternatives to build the entire trail connection are being investigated.

Replacement of one-lane bridge over Colvin Run on Hunter Mill Road: The committee will receive an update on this project at the July meeting.

Committee responsibilities: FCDOT staff suggested some things that the committee could be more involved in. Examples given were the Merrifield Task Force, The McLean Task Force, Annandale Plan Review, and the Hunter Mill Road bridge replacement over Colvin Run. FCDOT staff are involved in these projects, but committee involvement could add additional independent voices to the discussions. An extensive discussion occurred regarding these issues.

Scooters in Fairfax County: A state law will go into effect on 1 July 2019 making scooters legal in Fairfax County. The law makes scooters equivalent to bicycles. Local jurisdictions can pass ordinances by 1 January 2020 to regulate scooter use, but cannot make them illegal locally. A pilot project will start in Fairfax City.

Announcements and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.