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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – May 9, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,
Conference Room 8

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

Note-Taker: Anne Mader (Fairfax County Alliance for Better Bicycling)

Committee Members in Attendance: Representative At-Large and Chair Ken Comer, Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Chester Freedenthal (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Chris Maimone (Washington Area Bicyclist Association)

Committee Members Absent: Jeff Anderson (Hunter Mill), Stiven Foster (Providence), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Robert W. Michie (Lee), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Tom McFarland (Fairfax County Park Authority), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations),

Others in Attendance: Chris Wells (FCDOT Staff) and prospective member in an observer status, pending BOS confirmation: Anne Mader (Fairfax County Alliance for Better Bicycling)

The meeting was called to order by Representative At-Large and Chairman Ken Comer at 7:10 p.m.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for April but to defer the approval of the March minutes until the next meeting since they had not been distributed to the committee members. April minutes were adopted accordingly.

Staff Report

Chris Wells (FCDOT) announced two public meetings:

- June 6th at Westgate Elementary meeting pertaining to the Magarity Road Sidewalk Project.
- June 14th at Marshal High School- Design Public Hearing regarding Bike and Ped improvements in Tysons area on Old Meadow Road crossing over 495.

Chris announced that FCDOT is initiating and moving forward on the redesign phase of Peace Valley Lane. VDOT is starting the process of planning the widening along Richmond Highway. Chris proposed this would be a good topic for presentation to the committee to lay out what is being done and proposed for the road widening and for the committee to weigh in. Chris will



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follow up with VDOT regarding a presentation to the committee. FCDOT will be requesting money to update the Trails Plan which has not been updated since 2002. There was discussion regarding the trails in Huntley Meadow Park and the proposal to eliminate the planned trails. Ken

Comer requested FCDOT bring a map of Huntley Meadow area to the June meeting for the committee to assess.

Other Business

Chris reported that he hopes to submit the updated committee charter to the BOS for the meeting on June 19th.

Update on Transportation Priorities Plan

Chris reported that the law funding the Metro reverted to its original funding, which means there will be no significant funding for 2018. There may be a couple of new projects funded but other funding will be redacted. Bike and pedestrian projects will not be affected and there are no plans to cancel existing projects. FCDOT will be briefing the BOS in July about funding.

I-66 OTB Trail

They are looking at areas off the corridor that will cut costs such as Bull Run Park Road, Compton through Cub Run, 28 Interchange, Random Hill Park, Vienna Metro Area. Discussions are in the works to match funding and to see what VDOT has funding for. If there is something cut it will only be temporary and will be considered a later phase of the project.

Bike to Work Day

May 18th. There have been 5 pit stops added in Fairfax County for a total of 18, the additional pit stops are mainly at government facilities. Commercials for Bike to Work have been running on WTOP.

Sleepy Hollow

Many citizens oppose the project in that it will change the aesthetics of the neighborhood, with limited impacts on right-of-way. Supervisor Gross is behind the project to add sidewalks along Sleepy Hollow. Discussion was had that the sidewalks are needed for safety and there are currently no sidewalks along the road.

Committee Website

Chris updated the committee that there is a new hire who will be responsible for updating the website and the committee minutes. The committee agreed to submit the minutes in word doc format so it could easily be updated to the website. Edits to the minutes, voted on by the committee, will be the responsibility of the committee member who took the minutes, unless this person is not in attendance in which case Chris Wells agreed to take responsibility.

Committee Appointments

The committee currently does not have a Mason District representative.



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Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program

This program is in honor of Tom Kennedy. There was a brief discussion that there is a draft program in Volunteer Fairfax to recruit bike/ped ambassadors. FCDOT will revisit the program once it is fully staffed.

E-Bikes on Park Trails

Liz Cronauer reported that there is an internal FCPA committee who is still reviewing e-bike policy but they have not formalized anything yet.

Planned Agenda for next meeting

It was suggested that the Committee have a presentation from VDOT on Richmond Highway/Rt1 project in July and a presentation regarding Huntley Meadows in June. For future presentations, Chester Freedenthal suggested having a presentation on how to report sidewalk maintenance, repair and accessibility issues. Robert Cosgriff suggested having a bike/Ped accident presentation from Fairfax County Police Department to go over accident reporting procedures and standards.

Announcements and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:

- Bike to Work Day – May 18, 2018 at 18 stops throughout the County

Upcoming Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meetings (all meetings to be held in the Government Center Conference Room 8 at 7 p.m.):

- June 13, 2018
- July 11, 2018
- August 8, 2018
- September 12, 2018
- October 10, 2018
- November 14, 2018
- December 12, 2018