

Phase 1: Public Engagement Summary



Overview

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 - Activity overview
- **Who We Heard From:**
 - User demographics
- **What We Heard:**
 - Interactive map results at the County and district level
 - Community survey results by question

Share your thoughts!

The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan will establish a vision for safe, convenient, and enjoyable streets and trails in Fairfax



Take our
Community Survey!



Place Points for Key
Destinations + Barriers



Suggest New Trails,
Bikeways, + Complete
Street Enhancements

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What We Did...



Phase One Activities...



Virtual Engagement

- User-Friendly Project Website
- County Website Promotion
- Community Survey
- Two Interactive Maps
- Social Media Engagement
- Press Releases
- Newsletters
- Community Conversations by District



In-Person Engagement

- Survey Promotion at Food Distribution Sites across the County
- Pre-Stamped Paper Surveys
- Posters at Recreation Centers and Trailheads
- Paper Booklets of Website Materials



Stakeholder Engagement

- ActiveFairfax Core Group
- Outreach Working Group
- Equity Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee
- Presentations to:
 - Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling
 - Transportation Advisory Commission
 - Trails, Sidewalks & Bikeways Committee

By the Numbers...



1,474

virtual **community surveys** received



1,217

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



537

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



12

virtual **community conversations**

Who We Heard From...



By Language...



1,474
Community Surveys Completed

1,339

English

135

Other than English

103

Spanish

19

Chinese

5

Korean

3

Vietnamese

2

Farsi

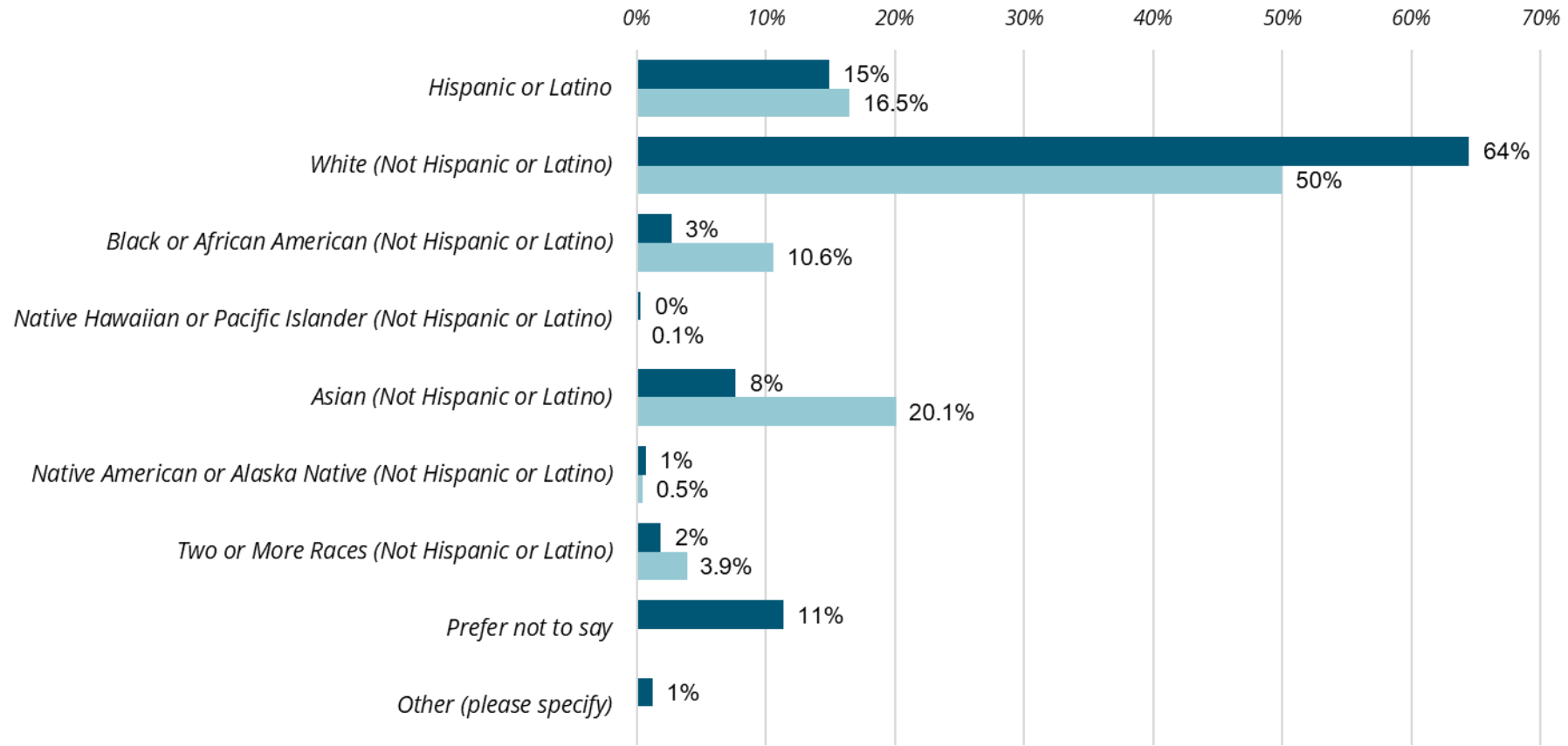
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By Race...

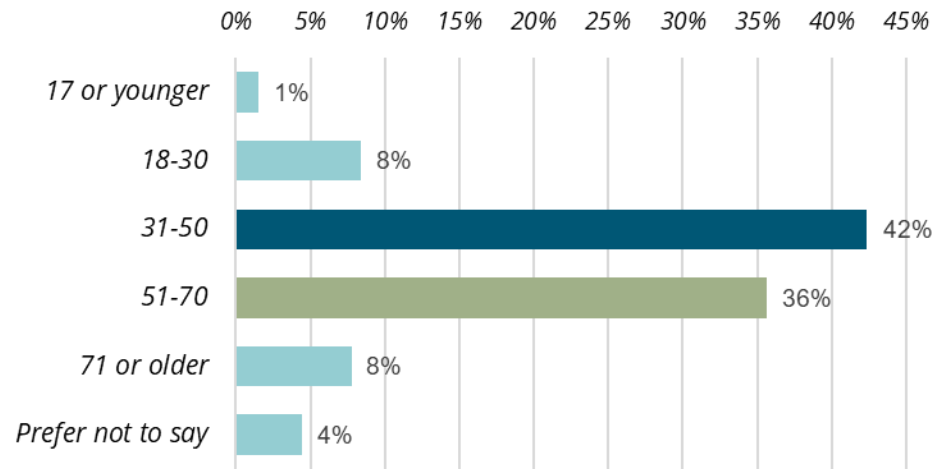


ActiveFairfax Survey Results Fairfax County Average

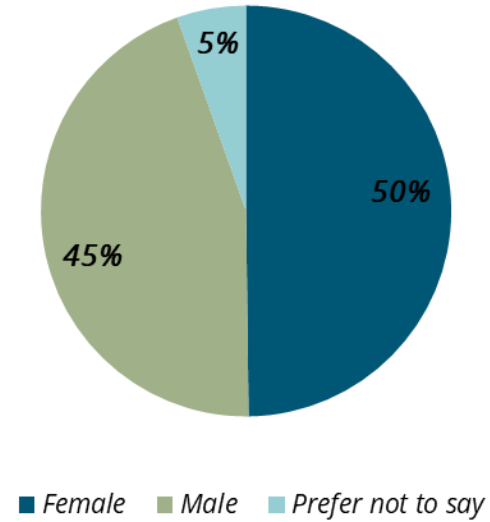
By Age and Gender...



What is your age?



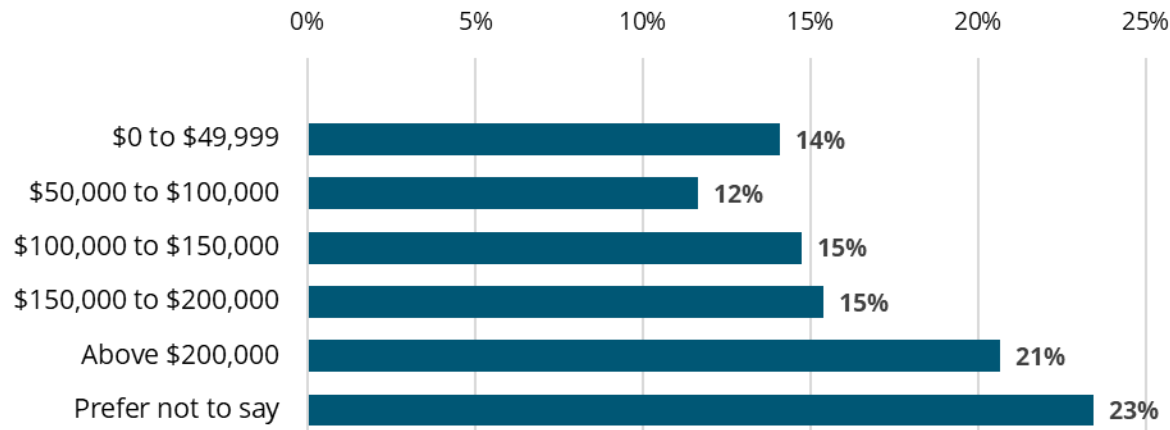
What is your gender?



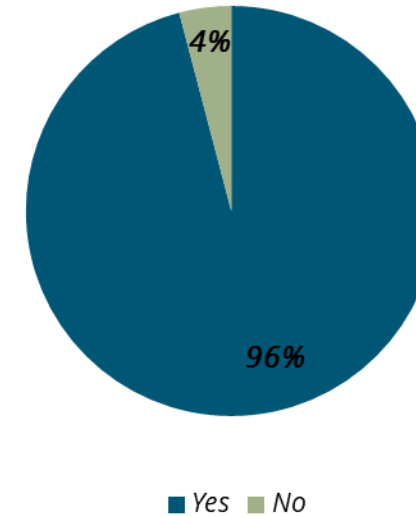
By Income and Vehicle Ownership...



What is your annual household income?



Do you have access to a motor vehicle (a car)?

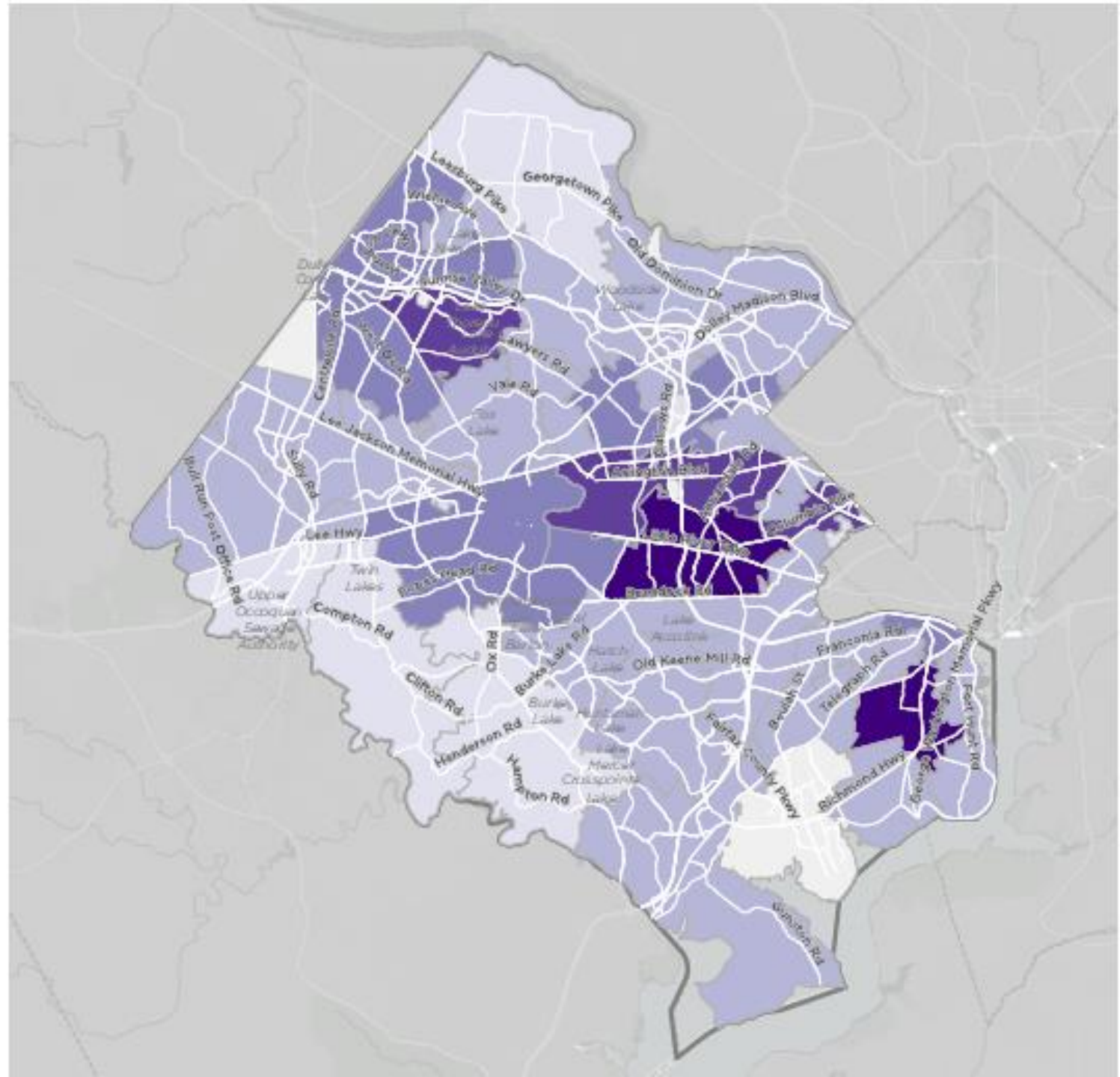
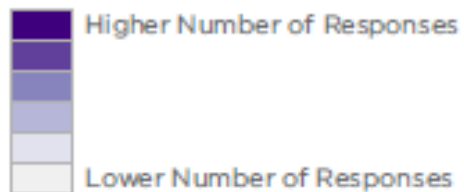


Where Users Live...

Top 3 Home Zip Codes

- 22306 – Hybla Valley / Groveton
- 22003 – Annandale
- 22031 – Merrifield / Mantua

98.7% of respondents indicated their home zip code overlapped with Fairfax County

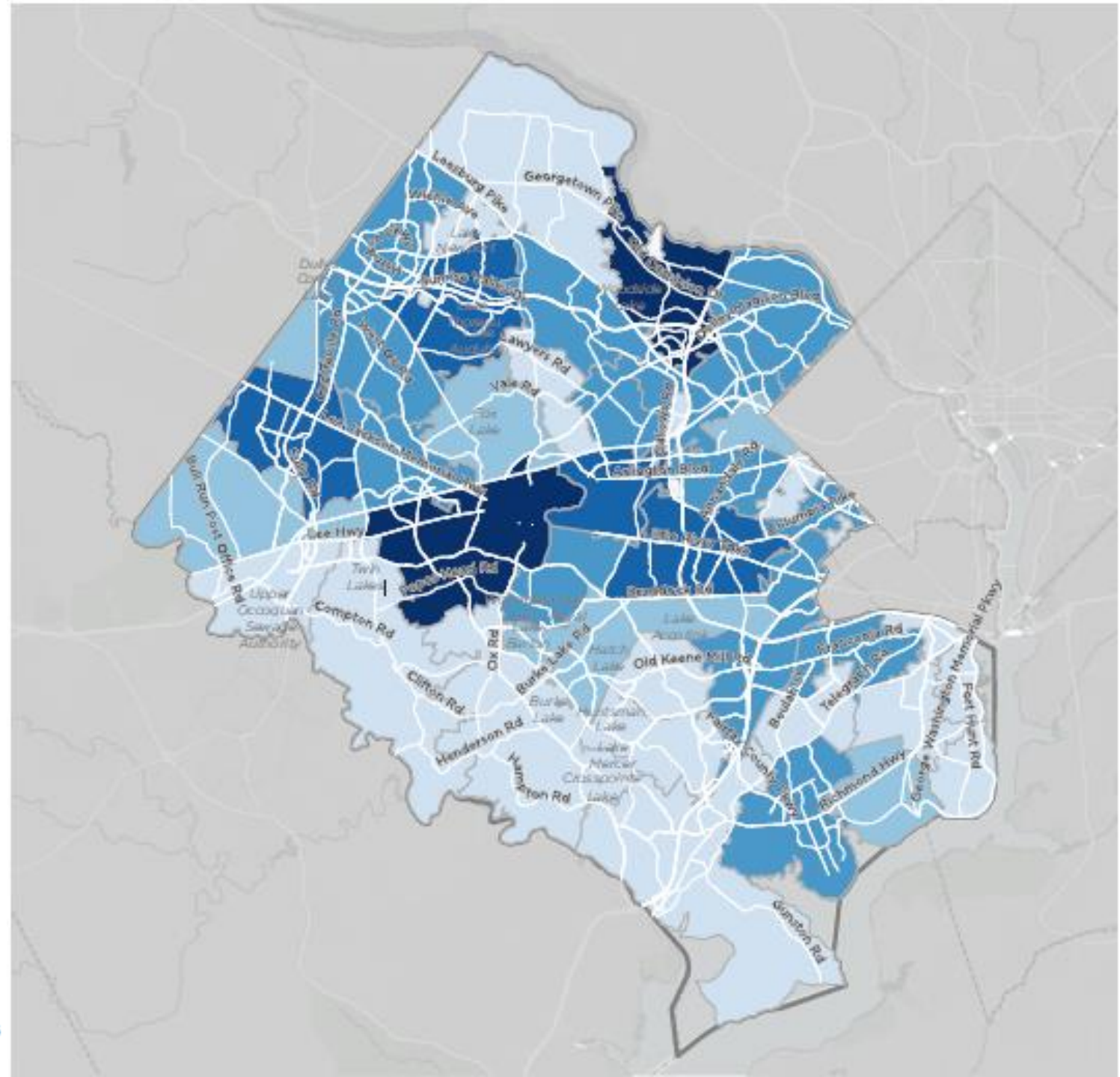
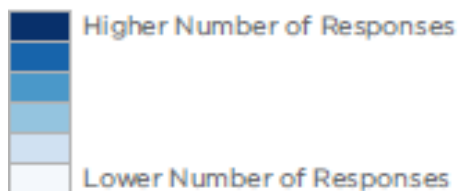


Where Users Work...

Top 3 Work Zip Codes

- 22030 – Legato / Fairfax
- 22102 – Tysons / Odricks Corner
- 20191 – Reston

68.6% of respondents indicated their work zip code overlapped with Fairfax County



What We Heard...

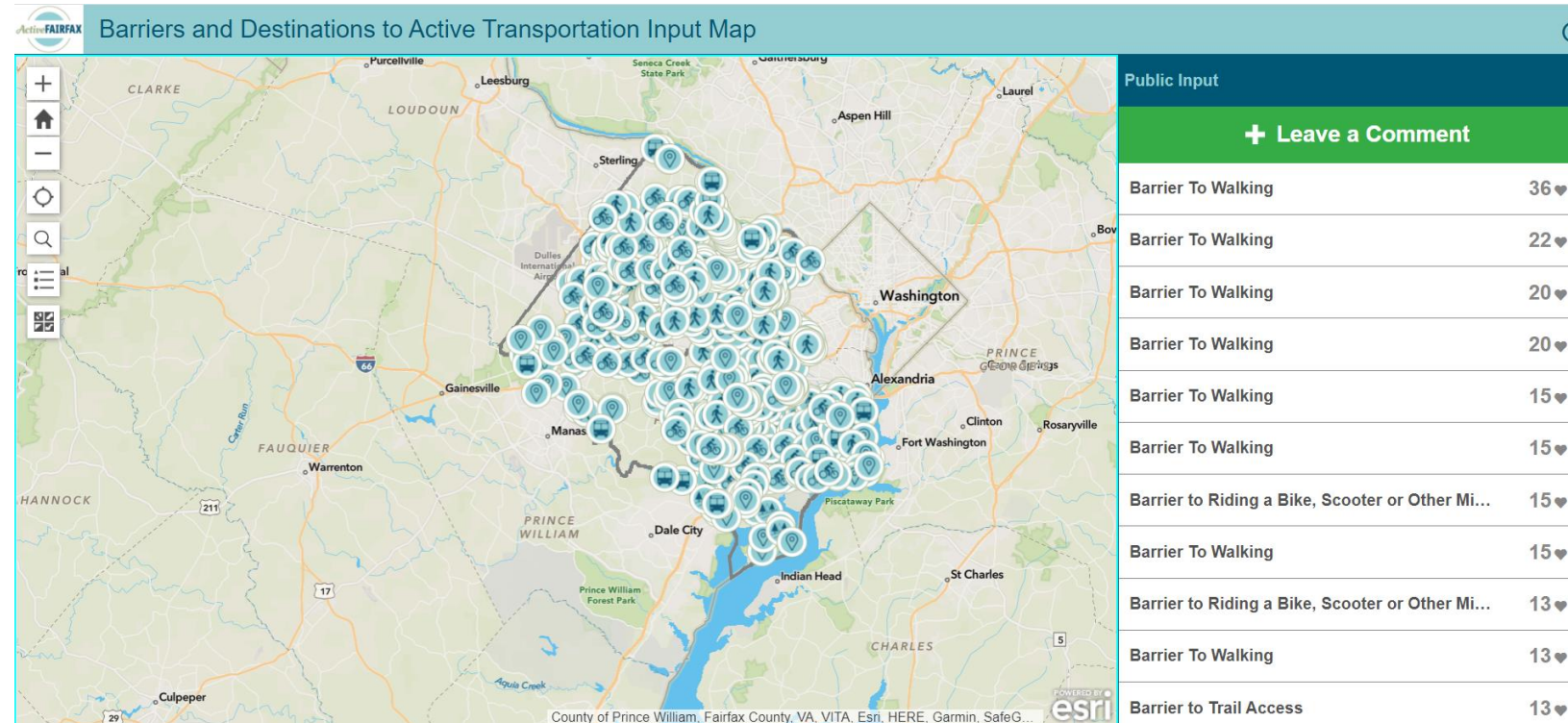
Input Map Results



Destinations + Barriers Input Map Results...



- 287** Destinations
- 346** Barriers to Biking
- 457** Barriers to Walking
- 48** Barriers to Transit Access
- 79** Barriers to Trail Access



Planned Network Input Map Results...



- 80** New Complete Street Improvement
- 32** New On-Street Bikeway
- 102** New Soft Surface/Hiking Trail
- 373** New Hard Surface/Shared Use Path

Suggest Locations for New Trail and Bikeway Routes + Complete Street Enhancements

Public Input	
+ Leave a Comment	
Add Hard Surface Trail/Shared Use Path to PI...	1
Add Hard Surface Trail/Shared Use Path to PI...	0
Add Soft Surface/Hiking Trail to Planned Net...	42
Add Complete Street Improvement to Planne...	4
Add Hard Surface Trail/Shared Use Path to PI...	3
Add Hard Surface Trail/Shared Use Path to PI...	0
Add Hard Surface Trail/Shared Use Path to PI...	0
Add Soft Surface/Hiking Trail to Planned Net...	11
Add Hard Surface Trail/Shared Use Path to PI...	0
Add Soft Surface/Hiking Trail to Planned Net...	44

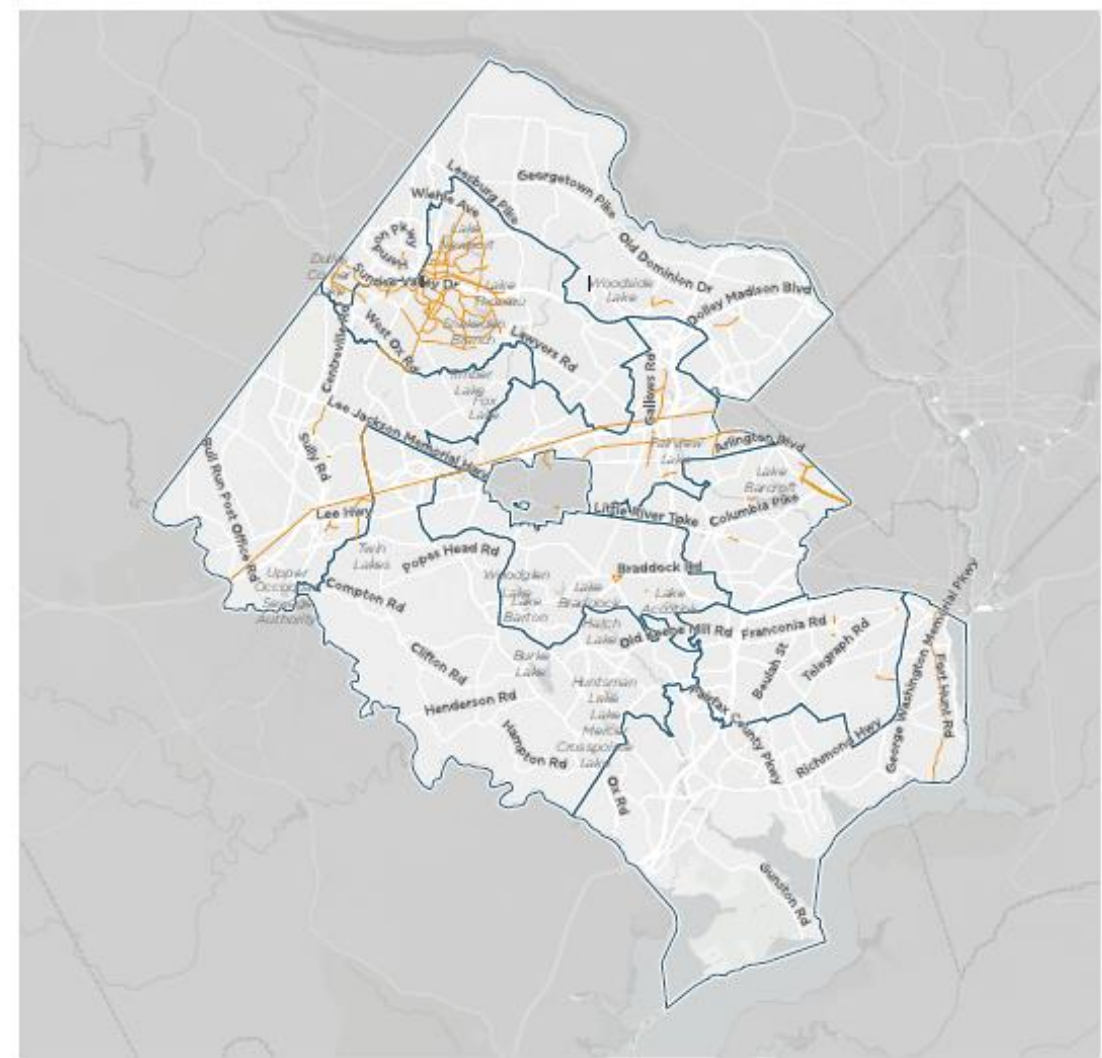
Planned Network Input Map - Complete Street Comments...

Many comments made regarding Complete Streets mentioned a need for new and improved:

- Sidewalks
- Lighting
- Bike Lanes, Bike Paths and Bikeways
- Trails

With a focus on the following goals:

- Access + Connectivity
- Livability + Health



Facility Gaps - Complete Streets
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— Complete Streets Improvements
□ Supervisor Districts



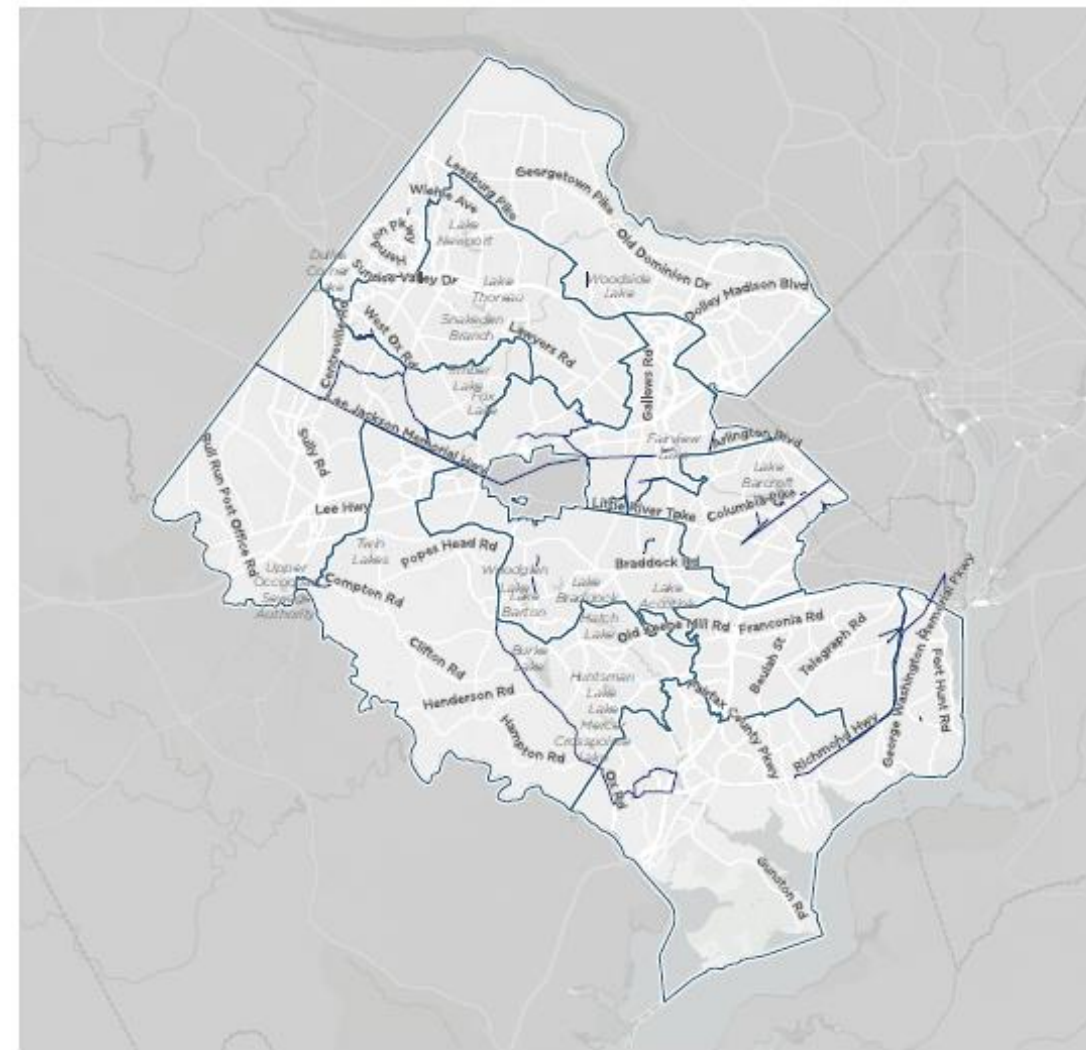
Planned Network Input Map - On-Street Bikeway Comments...

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- Bike Lanes, Bike Paths and Bikeways
- Trails

With a focus on the following goal:

- Access + Connectivity



Facility Gaps - On-Street Bikeways

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- On-Street Bikeway Improvements
- Supervisor Districts



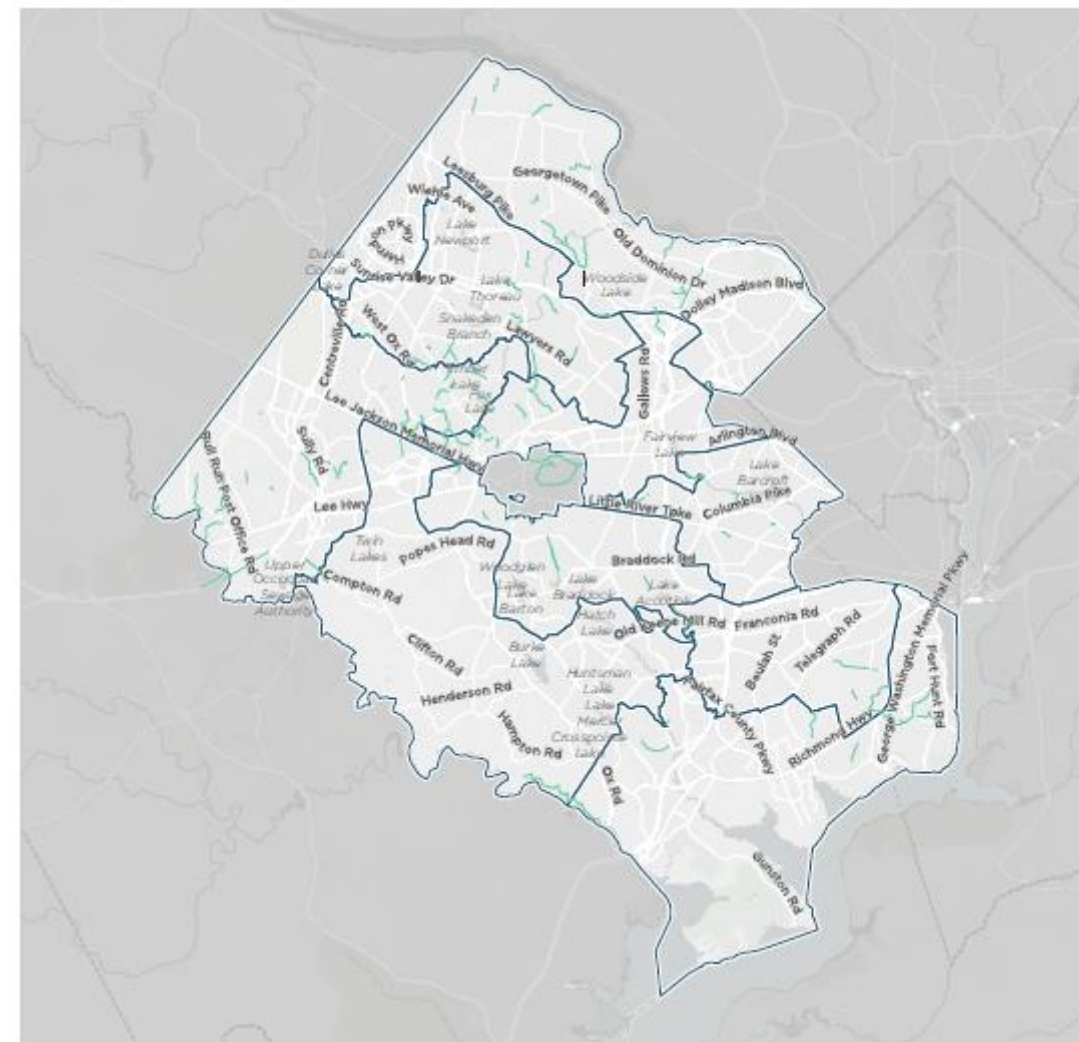
Planned Network Input Map - Soft Surface/Hiking Trail Comments...

Many comments made regarding Soft Surface/Hiking Trails mentioned a need for new and improved:

- Trails
- Crossings

With a focus on the following goal:

- Access + Connectivity



Facility Gaps - Soft Surface/Hiking Trail

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- Soft Surface/Hiking Trail Improvements
- Supervisor Districts

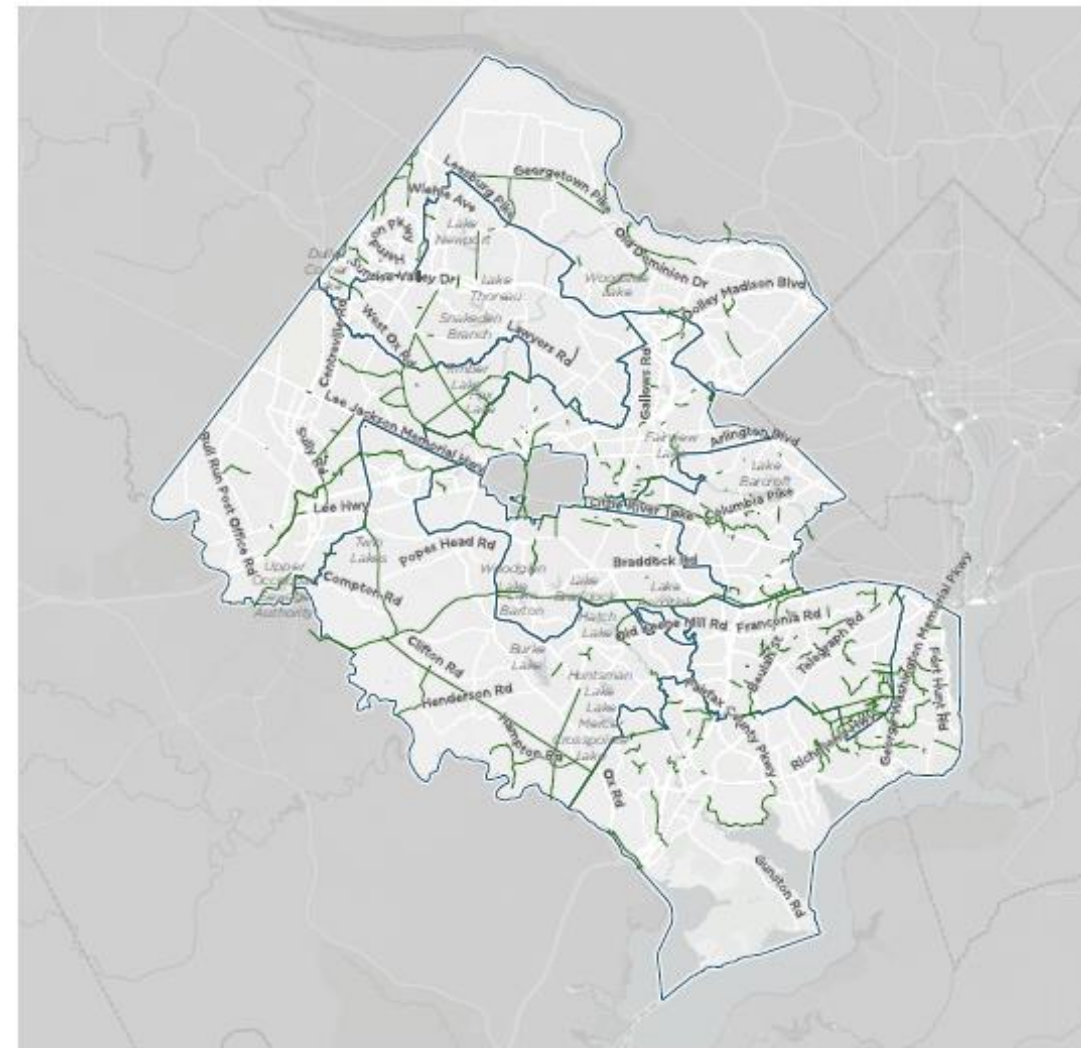
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- Trails
- Sidewalks
- Crossings

With a focus on the following goal:

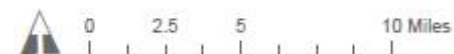
- Access + Connectivity



Facility Gaps - Hard Surface/Shared Use Path

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- Hard Surface/Shared Use Path Improvements
- Supervisor Districts



What We Heard...

Community Survey Results



What we heard...



Walking was the most common active travel option (1,378 respondents – 94%)



75% of respondents indicated they use active travel daily (507 respondents) or a few times per week (573 respondents)



66% of respondents indicated they currently ride a bike, a scooter or another device or would be interested in riding them (750 respondents)

Top Three Destinations ...



Parks or other recreational destination



To reach a trail

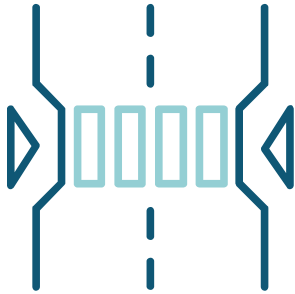


To go to a business or service (such as grocery store, community center, doctor's appointment, etc.)

Other Key Destinations:

- No destination in particular
- Exercise
- Get to know the neighborhood
- Walk a pet

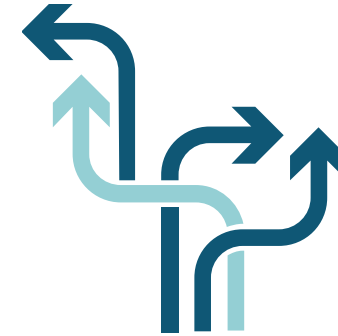
Top 3 Circumstances that would increase active travel use...



Connected and accessible sidewalks with frequent and safe crossings.



Easy access to shared use path or natural surface trail.



Comfortable and connected bikeways

Experience Using Active Travel...



Lack of Street Lights

General positive feedback

Bad or Dangerous Crossings

Lack of Pedestrian Infrastructure

Trails Need Maintenance Too Much E-mobility on Trails

Good Sidewalks **Unsafe** Lack of Trails

Good Trails Sidewalks Need Maintenance

ADA Access Relaxing **Disconnected Facilities**

Lack of Bike Lanes Good Bike Lanes

Bike Lanes Need Maintenance

Top 3 Reasons why Complete Streets are Important...



- 1 They are an important part of healthy communities.
- 2 They are a place where anyone can be physically active.
- 3 They provide transportation choices to everyone in a community.



Vision for Active Travel...



Lighting Plazas **Crossings**
Sidewalks Transit Education
More E-mobility Share Options Traffic Calming
Parks **Connectivity** Places to Rest
Enforcement **Trails** Trees
Bike Lanes Wayfinding
Safety Bike Parking

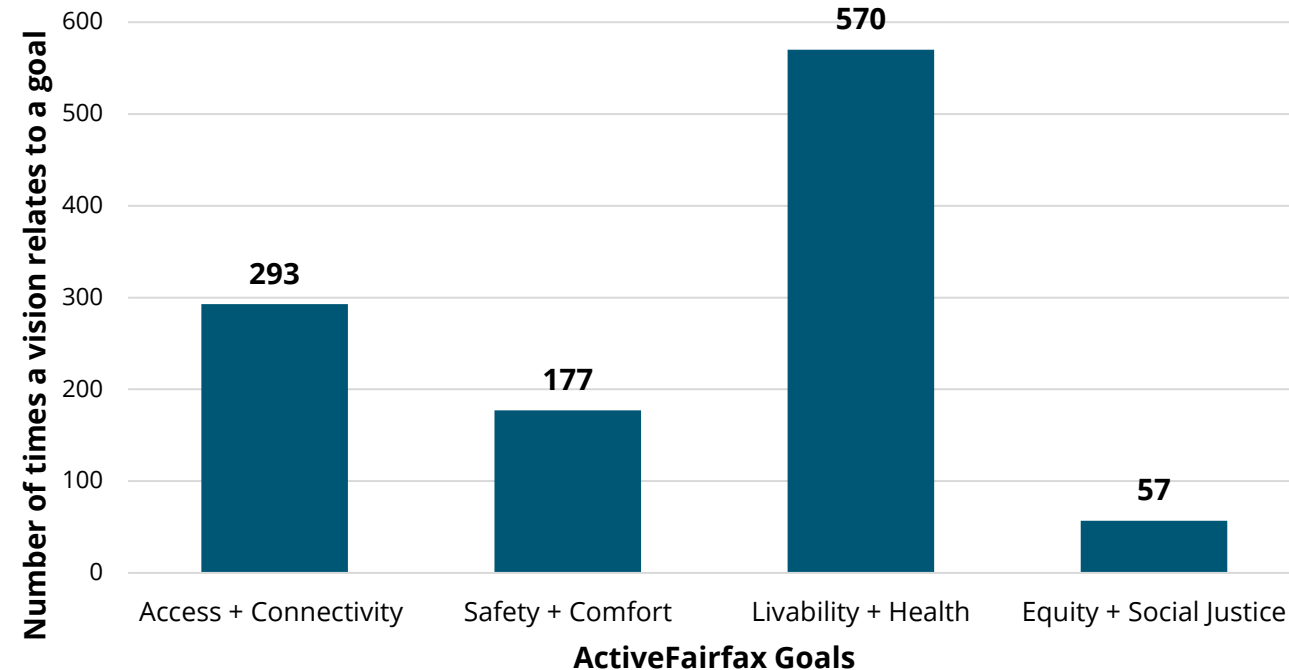
Access + Connectivity
Safety + Comfort
Livability + Health
Equity + Social Justice

Survey Comments Relating to Vision



- Need for more sidewalks, bikeways, and trails
- Concerns about the lack of connectivity in the trail network
- Need more pedestrian crossings, especially around schools and parks and across major arterials
- Improved safety for all users, especially on the major roadways
- More trees and street lighting
- Prioritize environmental sustainability
- Implement education and safety campaigns for all roadway users

Survey Respondents' Vision in Relation to the Goals of ActiveFairfax



Ranking of Street Elements...

Highest
Priority



Lowest
Priority

- 1 Spacious sidewalks/trails with accessible curb ramps on both sides of the street
- 2 Frequent, safe and accessible pedestrian crossings
- 3 Comfortable bikeways (separated from traffic on busier streets/at intersections)
- 4 Grass buffer between sidewalks/trails and traffic
- 5 Accessible bus stops
- 6 Left turn lanes for vehicles
- 7 Right turn lane for vehicles
- 8 Medians
- 9 Additional travel lanes for vehicles
- 10 On-street parking

Ranking of Elements to make Streets more Comfortable ...



Highest
Priority



Lowest
Priority

- 1 Street lighting
- 2 Sidewalk or trail lighting
- 3 Street trees and landscaping (behind the curb and/or median)
- 4 Public spaces such as plazas and small parks
- 5 Street furniture (benches, bike racks, trash cans, etc.)
- 6 Bus shelters
- 7 Low speed limits/visual cues that encourage slower speeds
- 8 Pedestrian and bicycle wayfinding signage
- 9 Public art (murals, sculptures, fountains, etc.)
- 10 Buildings with windows and doors close to the sidewalk



Ranking of Funding Categories...

Highest
Priority



Lowest
Priority

- 1 Build more sidewalks and fill sidewalk gaps
- 2 Build more comfortable bikeways and fill bikeway gaps
- 3 Build more trails and fill trail gaps
- 4 Add more safe and accessible pedestrian crossings
- 5 Repair and maintain existing trails and sidewalks
- 6 Repair and maintain existing bikeways
- 7 Expand bus service
- 8 Add more Complete Street elements such as street trees, benches, lighting, etc.
- 9 Widen roads and/or intersections
- 10 Build more roads and interchanges

Type of Street and User Comfort Walking or Crossing...



6% felt comfortable



79% felt comfortable

Walking here, I would feel...

Major Arterial with Sidewalk



13% felt comfortable
60% felt uncomfortable
27% were neutral

Barrier Separated Sidewalk



45% felt comfortable
27% felt uncomfortable
28% were neutral

Downtown, Urban Trail



95% felt comfortable
2% felt uncomfortable
3% were neutral

Residential Street with sidewalk



89% felt comfortable
3% felt uncomfortable
8% were neutral

Crossing here, I would feel...



No Crosswalk



11% felt comfortable
72% felt uncomfortable
17% were neutral

Crosswalk with Median



66% felt comfortable
11% felt uncomfortable
23% were neutral

RRFB and Crosswalk



89% felt comfortable
4% felt uncomfortable
7% were neutral

Crossing here, I would feel...

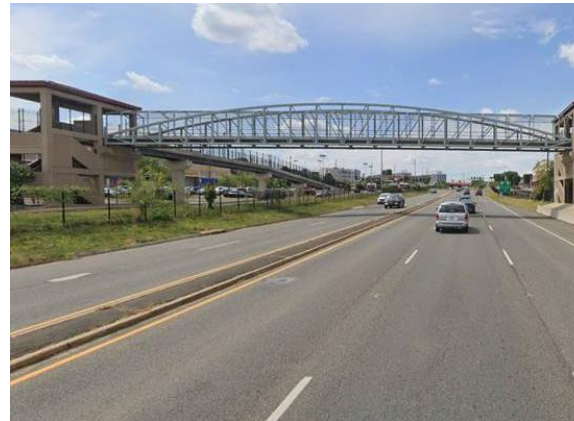


Pedestrian Signal and Crosswalk



39% felt comfortable
38% felt uncomfortable
23% were neutral

Pedestrian Bridge



85% felt comfortable
6% felt uncomfortable
9% were neutral

Pedestrian Tunnel



50% felt comfortable
29% felt uncomfortable
21% were neutral

Using the trail here, I would feel...



Soft Surface Trail or Hiking Trail



83% felt comfortable
6% felt uncomfortable
11% were neutral

Shared Use Path



80% felt comfortable
6% felt uncomfortable
14% were neutral

Hard Surface Trail



94% felt comfortable
1% felt uncomfortable
5% were neutral

Biking here, I would feel...



Hard Surface Trail



97% felt comfortable
1% felt uncomfortable
2% were neutral

Soft Surface Trail or Hiking Trail



50% felt comfortable
31% felt uncomfortable
19% were neutral

Downtown, Urban Trail



89% felt comfortable
3% felt uncomfortable
8% were neutral

Bike Lane on Local Road



34% felt comfortable
41% felt uncomfortable
25% were neutral

Biking here, I would feel...



Buffered Bike Lane



54% felt comfortable
22% felt uncomfortable
24% were neutral

Bike Lane on Major Arterial



16% felt comfortable
66% felt uncomfortable
18% were neutral

One-Way Cycle Track



91% felt comfortable
3% felt uncomfortable
6% were neutral

Two-Way Cycle Track



96% felt comfortable
1% felt uncomfortable
3% were neutral

Biking here, I would feel...



Shared Lane



17% felt comfortable
55% felt uncomfortable
28% were neutral

No Markings



35% felt comfortable
36% felt uncomfortable
29% were neutral



General Comments

- Specific areas in the county that need pedestrian improvements (75 comments)
- Specific areas in the county that need bicycle improvements (43 comments)
- Specific areas in the county that need trail improvements (23 comments)
- Requests for more information or comments that are generally unsupportive of the project (22 comments)
- Improved maintenance practices for existing infrastructure (16 comments)
- Concerns about the environmental impact of future improvements (12 comments)
- Infrastructure needs to be ADA accessible (11 comments)
- Increased enforcement for motorists and bicyclists (9 comments)
- Traffic calming suggestions (8 comments)
- Improved street lighting (6 comments)
- Improved transit (6 comments)
- Need for education for all users of the transportation network on their rights (2 comments)