

# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee January 11, 2023, 7:08 p.m. Room 8, Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Pkwy Fairfax, VA 22035

Website: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails

Note Taker: Beth Iannetta

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Ken Comer (At Large/Chair), James Albright (Mason District), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon District), Brooks Stephens (Providence District), Tyler Schiefebein (Springfield District), Karen Ampeh (Sully District), Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Shawn Newman (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling), Beth Iannetta (Fairfax County Park Authority), Howard Albers (Washington Area Bicyclists Association), Erin Parlan (Franconia District)

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Bob Cosgriff (Braddock District/Vice-Chair), Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville District), Alex Rough (Hunter Mill District), Diane Monnig (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Mike DePue (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority)

Others in Attendance: Lauren Delmare, FCDOT, Evan Wiener, Reston resident

**Call meeting to order:** Ken Comer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

**Review/approval of November and December 2022 minutes:** The November and December 2022 minutes have been deferred. The goal is to send out this set with the draft January 2023 minutes out for review at the end of this week.

**Presentation:** None scheduled

#### **Discussion:**

- Pedestrian safety letter Jim Klein, Mt. Vernon, sent an updated draft letter on pedestrian safety for review and discussion. The letter has been updated to reflect 2022 data on crashes and deaths. The draft noted positive changes that have been made. It urges implementing intersection safety improvements like a "turn calming" program. The details in the letter were discussed as well as other options that VDOT may consider implementing. Approval of the letter was postponed to next month to allow for additional edits to the draft.
- NVRC Recreational Trails Summit Jim Klein, Mt. Vernon and Beth Iannetta, FCPA, gave a brief overview of the summit, an in-person gathering of representatives from the

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major trail stakeholders held on October 20, 2022. A meeting summary can be found at the following website: 2022 Recreational Trails Summit | Northern Virginia Regional Commission - Website (novaregion.org)

Citizen Inputs/Comments/Q&A: Mr. Evan Wiener, Reston resident, inquired about W&OD trail roadways crossings using raised crosswalks. The second inquiry was a missing crosswalk near Forestville Elementary School near the Route 7 widening project.

## **Staff Report:** Lauren Delmare, FCDOT

- Active Transportation Program Update
  - O Lauren Delmare was promoted as Program Manager to replace Chris Wells and Zach DesJardins was promoted to a Planner III as the Capital Bikeshare Program Manager. These promotions created two vacancies in the ActiveFairfax section and they hope to find excellent replacements to the team.
  - o Two Bikeshare stations have been installed in Reston.
  - On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Columbia Pike Complete Streets Phase 1 virtual meeting will be held.
  - A VDOT meeting has been scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> for the Old Keene Mill Road & Irving Middle School requested signalized crossing for the neighborhood residents.
  - Fairfax County Police will be conducting speed program at schools which is expected to be implemented in Spring 2023
  - O Update on the BOS \$100M Funding initiative which consisted of \$5M installment in the first year and a \$25M installment in the second year. FCDOT is utilizing its project prioritization process to compile a list of 50 projects per districts. Public outreach expected in Spring 2023.
  - o Safe Streets for All Federal Infrastructure Funding
- Upcoming Presentations
  - o February: Comprehensive Planning (FCDOT Transportation Planning Group)
  - o March: Coalition for Smarter Growth (proposed)
  - o April: Jai Cole, Director, Fairfax County Park Authority (booked)

### **Committee Member Issues/Reports:**

- Mr. Stephens and Ms. Partlan reflected on the Parking Reimagined project and informed
  the committee there was additional time for comments, a second public meeting had been
  scheduled, an idea for TSB to weigh in on bike parking infrastructure approvals was
  discussed.
- **Adjourn** Motion to Adjourn 9:05pm