

Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – 7 PM, 11 March 2020

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA
22035, Conference Room 7-8

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

Note-Taker: Stiven Foster

Committee Members in Attendance: Vice chair Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), James Albright (Mason), Stiven Foster (Providence), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations), Shawn Newman (Fairfax County Alliance for Better Bicycling), Beth Iannetta (Fairfax County Park Authority).

Committee Members Absent: Chair Ken Comer (At-Large) Robert W. Michie (Lee), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builders' Industry Association), Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) [NOTE: If some of these people are no longer members of the committee we should be removed from this list]

Others in Attendance: Lauren Delmare (FCDOT)

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Cosgriff at 7:05 PM.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Approval of the Minutes

The meeting notes from the February 2020 meeting were approved by voice vote with an amendment to correct Bob Cosgriff's name on page 2 – West County Trail item (is was recorded as Bob Compton).

Safety Letter to Board of Supervisors

Jim Klein developed, and shared in advance, a draft letter to the BOS about safety concerns in the Route 1 corridor. The committee discussed the draft letter and a set of proposed edits that were provided by Mark Tipton, in advance, and those raised by the group during the meeting. Jim Klein captured detailed notes on edits agreed to by the Committee, which included the following:

- Amend the title to include “and throughout the county;”

- Accept the proposed changes to first and second paragraph provide by Mark Tipton;
- In the 3rd paragraph, update the total number pedestrian fatalities to the current number (8);
- Quote the Alcorn Lusk resolution text about Vision Zero;
- The Committee will not take a position on Vison Zero, at this time, but will discuss it at a future meeting;
- Add text about systematic safety;
- Accept changes to Embark text to be provided by Shawn Newman;
- Change crash clusters to corridors;
- Recommend changes in signaling, e.g., rest-in-walk

The Committee moved to approve the letter with changes discussed at the meeting, and any allow the Chair to make any minor edits needed for clarity.

FCDOT Staff Presentation

Lauren Delmare provided an update on elements of the pedestrian program, including the following:

- VDOT unsignalized Cross walk policy;
- Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFB);
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (VDOT 2018);
- Low-cost signal improvements (leading interval, rest-in-walk, pedestrian-recall)

I-495 North Extension (I-495 NEXT) Project

The Committee reviewed maps of the project, and those familiar with the area identified some issues for further consideration, including:

- At grade crossing at Georgetown Pike has line of sight issues
- Trail at west end of Georgetown Pike has line of sight issues
- Southern end at Lewinsville doesn't go anywhere
- Live Oaks crossing has line of sight issues

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.