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Subject: Comments on Version 2 of Reston Master Plan Working draft

Below are comments on Version 2 of the Reston Master Plan Working Draft:

Bicycle Facilities

While Reston is somewhat bicycle-friendly, there is a culture of driving even for short trips. A major reason for Robert Simon's Village Center plan was to allow residents to easily walk and bike to the centers and other local destinations, and yet most people drive. More needs to be done to encourage people to take advantage of the good trail network to take local trips by bike. Our roads are not perceived to be bike-friendly by many potential cyclists; I know because we often ask why people don't bike more often and that is the number one answer.

I think the Bicycle Facilities section on page 29 needs to describe the existing situation and how it needs to change, rather than just referencing the Bicycle Master Plan. The Pedestrian Mobility section is much more robust and is an example of what could be included in the Bicycle Facilities section. We have a Trails Plan but that doesn't mean we only reference it in the Pedestrian Mobility section. The Pedestrian Mobility section does a good job of describing current and future conditions, where there are major problems such as lighting, and how they can be improved.

Bicycle Parking

There are 36 references to parking, all of which are about car parking. Bike parking in Reston is almost universally inadequate or non-existent, located in inconvenient places that are unsigned. Some text from the final draft of the proposed Bicycle Parking Guidelines should be included in the Bicycle Facilities section, referencing the guidelines (which will come before the Board either this month or next), describe what is acceptable bike parking, where it should be located, and how people can find it.

I would be glad to help draft needed text and/or to review any proposed text.

Thanks,

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