

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Meeting April 9, 7:30 pm:

Proposed Agenda:

7:30 accept agenda

7:35 read previous meeting minutes

7:40 rehabilitation of the GW Parkway from Spout Run to the American Legion Bridge and the extension of the Mount Vernon Trail. {Superintendent Vela. Wade will speak to Dranesville supervisor to get support. Part in Congressman Moran's and Wolf's district. }

8:00 new business: Bike to Work Day May 16 and Trails Day (June 7) dates and plans for committee to promote (notes below) {Charlie has bike route map due asap. Encourage supervisors and staff to bike to work. FABB website has routes.

PAUL RAISES SAFETY POINT ABOUT BIKES ON WRONG OR DANGEROUS ROUTES. MAYBE COUNTY SHOULD POST SIGNS SHOWING ROUTE IN STRATEGIC AREAS

ROGER SUGGESTS NEWS RELEASES TO MEDIA FOR NON-POLITICAL INFORMATION IE NEW MAP, BIKE DAY, ETC

8:15 BUS SHELTERS: ADA access, covered, seating, electronic boards.....{idea to generate advertising in shelters to cover \$10,000 cost of each shelter. Only one bus shelter option. Per Chris currently have two standard shelters: standard and Rec stops (Victorian). Advertising shelter may be a third prototype. 4000 bus stops, 200+ county maintained shelters}

8:30 discuss Gene Bartlow notes. (see below)

9:00 staff reports: Chris Wells: Bike to Mason Day April 22. Flint Hill got kicked into normal County process due to curbside change. www.local.live.com recent aerial photography useful for streets viewing.

****FU email to: Gaylynn Abram, who contacted you about Bike to Work Day, would be a good starting point since she is plugged into bike/ped issues for the NOVA district of
VDOT.Gaylynn.Abram@VDOT.Virginia.gov

from Gene Bartlow:

How much money is reasonable to ask for?
What are the trails and sidewalks committee's priorities for funding?
What are various District's priorities for funding?
What is the history of funding in this regard?
What are the budget trends over time for trails and sidewalks?
In what budget departments, elements, line items, or categories should funding be increased and by how much?
What is the rationale for budget increases?
Is it fair to allocate increased funding trails for one District and not equitably in another (e.g., Ft. Belvoir and EPG areas)?
If requesting natural surface trails, what are the cost implications versus other paved surfaces?
How much is presently being spent annually on trails and sidewalks?
PER CHRIS 2006 \$12,400,000 BEST ESTIMATE. Clean sidewalk one mile \$500,000 but average is \$1.5 million/mile.
What are the County's unfunded priorities for trails and sidewalks?

*between county, city, GMU, NVCC for: If we could get the county, city, and GMU, maybe NVCC together to publicize and promote Trails Day in June we might be able to achieve John Mason's vision of a big, fun day for thousands of walkers, joggers, bicyclers, and senior citizen walks. Ideally we would get each Supervisor and School Board member to commit to some level of effort that day: either walking, biking to work or during the day. I think our next step would be to gather a list of 10-20 key players in this effort and try to arrange a meeting to plan. I believe Supervisor Sharon Bulova and Chairman Gerry Connolly would be supportive but I have not spoken to them yet. see email of Nov 11: "trails, supporting county activities"

Dennis Frew:

The date for comments ends April 23rd.

The issue is the rehabilitation of the GW Parkway from Spout Run to the American Legion Bridge and the extension of the Mount Vernon Trail. It would seem to be wise that Ped/bike access be considered in redoing the parkway. The attached letter is from the Arlington

County Bicycle Advisory Committee. The Park Service recently held meetings, but is not considering Ped/bike access along the parkway. The trail would connect the McLean area to Arlington. Also the State of Maryland has plans to put Ped/bike access on the American Legion bridge in the future.

I think a letter from the committee is advisable.