

MINUTES OF THE  
TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 11, 2006

**Members Present:** Bruce Wright (Hunter Mill District), Peter Christensen (Mt Vernon District), Wade Smith (Dranesville District), Debra Leser (Sully District), Jenny Pate (FCPA), Mary Flowers, (Clifton Horse Society), Dennis Frew (WABA), Rebecca Cate (FCFCA), Ann Pimley (FADSB)

**Staff Present:** Chris Wells (DOT), Sheng-Jieh Leu (DPZ)

**Guests Present:** Michael Guerino (DPWES), Larry Ichter (DPWES)

- I. **Call to order** - Chairman Bruce Wright called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Wright introduced Debra Leser, our “new” representative from the Sully District. Ms Leser is returning to the committee after a few years’ absence.
- II. **Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2006.** The September minutes were reviewed and approved with two small changes: Charlie Strunk was in attendance and his name should be added to Staff Present; and Fatemeh Allahdoust (VDOT) is the correct spelling of her name.
- III. **Trail Project Status.** Mr. Ichter reported on the Pedestrian Sidewalk/Trail Projects from the 2004 Transportation Bond Referendum. He mentioned that on the list of projects, they were able to start on some of them beforehand; consequently, they had a head start on the design and many of the projects are almost completed. Some projects were under estimate, some over, but since it was one pot to draw funds from, not individual projects, it comes out about even.
  - A. Projects complete or almost complete: Project 4YP008 Government Center Parkway Walkway. (Completed in Oct 04); Project 4YP009 Sydenstricker Road Sidewalk. (Completed in Aug 05); Project 4YP010 Ravensworth Road Sidewalk. (Completed in Sep 2005. Pedestrian signals were added as a second phase in March 2006); Project 4YP011 Route 236 Sidewalk. (Completed in Jul 06); Project 4YP015 South Lakes Drive Sidewalk. (Completed in Jan 06); Project 4YP016 Route 123 Sidewalk. (Completed in Jun 06); Project 4YP024 I-66/Route 29 Trail. (Project just started. Contract has been awarded. There is a conflict with the gas line, so Washington Gas may have to delay the completion date of Spring 2007)
  - B. Projects approved by the Board of Supervisors in March 2005: Project 4YP019 Dead Run Drive Sidewalk. (Design finished, land rights now obtained. Estimate construction completion Spring 2007); Project 4YP020 Hunter Mill Road Walkway. (Earliest construction start is estimated Summer 2007; however, will probably be delayed due to land acquisition issues with three residential property owners at the north end.); Project 4YP021 Old Centreville Road Trail. (Under construction, completed scheduled for end of 2006); Project 4YP022 Old Keene Mill Road Walkway. (Project terminated due to significant property impacts and future roadway widening which would remove the walkway); Project 4YP023 Westmoreland Street Walkway. (Due to significant property impacts, this project is on hold and likely to be terminated. There are two schools along this route and the road is not to be widened. The budget was only \$200,000 but it would probably be three times that amount.)

Q&A:

1. Q: Where did these requests come from? A: From the Board of Supervisors and from the Congestion Relief Program that were not funded.

2. Q: When should this committee consider our sidewalk priorities? A: Mr. Ichter said now. We could package a million dollar list, by District, etc. It is anticipated that money will be available for neighborhood projects.

Mr. Michael Guarino reported on the Walkway Implementation Status Report regarding current status and significant project milestones since the January 11, 2006 meeting. He mentioned that they are working on the Richmond Highway Public Transportation Initiative. It is not a bond referendum program. The area runs from Ft Belvoir to Huntington Metro. There are 20-30 intersections and 6 ½ kinds of work surfaces, 2 ½ miles of walkways are being worked now. Will have at least walkways on one side of the street.

- A. Construction is On-Going or Complete: Project D00448(PA02C) Sunset Hills Road (completed); Project W0030(W307) Plaza America Walkway (complete); Project W00600(W614) Ferry Landing Road/Old Mt Vernon Road (completed); Project W009474(WT001) Cedar Lane (95-99% completed)
- B. Land Acquisition in Progress: Project W00100(W109) Roberts Road @ GMU (GMU is holding off granting easements); Project W00200(W202) Georgetown Pike (1 of 14 easements acquired); Project W00200(W212) Walker Road (0 of 6 easements acquired); Project W00300(W304) Wiehle Ave (0 of 1 easement acquired); Project W00500(W501) Columbia Pike, Phase II (1 of 2 easements acquired)
- C. Existing Walkway Project On-Hold: Project W00500 (W505) Old Columbia Pike/Elmdale Road (additional \$275,000 required); Project W00600(W606) Route 1/Quander Road (on-going land development will impact scope of project. Richmond Hwy Public Transportation Initiative may make this go away); Project W00600(W608) Grist Mill Park (additional funds required; design plans done on the park itself); Project W00600 (W612) Mt. Vernon High School (Coordination on-going with District Supervisor's office on proceeding with the project); Project W00700 (W705) Woodford Road/Wolftrap Road (addressing HOA removal of support for proceeding with construction of trail improvements); Project W00100(W004) Route 1 Bus Stop Walkways (remaining funds to be used to address a portion of pedestrian access improvements being implemented along Route 1 as part of the Richmond Highway Public Transportation Initiative)
- D. Existing Projects to be Implemented as Part of Roadway Improvement Project: Project W00100(W108) Olley Lane/Braddock Road (funds provided by FY 2005 TAC Spot Improvements; design in progress); Project W00300(W305) Fox Mill Road/John Milton (utility relocations complete, construction 5% complete); Project W00300(W306) Reston Parkway/Fox Mill (utility relocations complete, construction 5% complete); Project W00900(W903) Route 29/I-66 Trail (project being administered by the Transportation Design Branch, construction Notice to Proceed issued Sep 11, 2006)
- E. New Walkway Projects: Project 009471(WT001) Governor's Hill Dr Walkway; Project W00400(W413) Florence Lane (on hold due to homeowners); Project W00600(W611) West Potomac High School (funded via the reassignment of Countywide District Funds, community support behind the project)

Mr. Guarino mentioned that there is about \$1 Million out there for trails and walkways. He also mentioned that each Supervisor as an aide to talk to regarding walkways.

**IV. Cross County Trail Update.** Ms Pate had planned to update the Committee on the trail, but would rather wait until more of the new committee members were in attendance. There was some discussion about bikes not being allowed on the trail. She said it was never intended to be a bike trail and asked that committee members pass that word out. Phase II will include more publicity. Ms Pate

discussed the 2006 Bond Program Trail Project. She mentioned that bids on the biggest project, an asphalt trail and three bridges from Lake Accotink Dam to Hunter Village Drive, is expected at the end of the year. She also mentioned that the trail and stream crossing from Danbury Forest Drive to Lake Accotink Park is ready for bids.

**V. Staff Report.**

- A. Mr. Leu provided a handout on the NCRTP Board 2030 Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan. He mentioned there were legacy items from the 2010 Plan included.
- B. He also provided copies of the DPWCS Capital Project Summary Report. He will be putting the file on the server, which should be available next week. He needs to do some checking as to whether draft maps can be done.
- C. Mr. Leu mentioned that the BOS is seeking nominations for its first annual Lawrence V. Fowler Award. This award will honor distinguished service by a longstanding member of a County Board, Authority, Commission or Committee. The BOS plans to present the award at its December 4 meeting.
- D. Chris Wells said that the FCDOT staff is coordinating to ensure all available federal, state and County funding for pedestrian-related projects reflects the 10-year funding goals. He provided the Progress Report on the Pedestrian Task Force Funding Recommendations. He said the actual numbers will be made public next Monday, but should be in the double digit millions of dollars. He also mentioned that Charlie Strunk would provide a status report as the bike coordinator.

**VI. Chair Report.**

- A. Mr. Wright reported that he will be meeting with Marcia McAllister and engineers of the Dulles Rail project to discuss ped/bike access at the Tysons Corner stations. Specifically he requested a chance to view the detailed plans for the four stations to see the location of the bike parking facilities. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.
- B. The proposed VDOT bike/ped policy changes that Fatemeh Allahdoust of VDOT mentioned at the September meeting, will not be presented at the Commonwealth Transportation Board Meeting that is underway in Roanoke. That topic has been deferred to the November 15-16 meeting in Richmond.
- C. The Tour de Lee will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2006.
- D. There will be a memorial ride for David Marsden, a cyclist who was killed by a truck turning right while David was in a crosswalk. The crash occurred in Vienna. The ride will be on Saturday, October 21, 2006.
- E. Mr. Wright also mentioned that the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force has formed a Transportation Demand Management subcommittee on which he serves. The goal is to get people out of their cars. He is writing the section on alternate modes of transportation. A draft report from the Task Force is due out soon. He also mentioned that the county is hiring a full-time TDM Coordinator. That person will work with developers to ensure that TDM proffers are met. The position has not been filled yet.

**VII. New Business.**

- A. Mr. Wright mentioned that the Tysons Corner Center is going forward to get their rezoning which includes several pedestrian and bike facilities. They may be asking for a waiver regarding the connection under the Beltway, along Route 123. Our committee should get together a few solutions and talk to the developer.
- B. Regarding the HOT Lane projects, they are working with VDOT to provide or not preclude all existing trails on the Plan that go across the Beltway, Rte 123 and Rte 7. Staff position is to have the Committee and VDOT work together. Route 123 needs to have the bridges rebuilt to accommodate trail users. They are widening bridges on Route 7 and Route 123, and the plan shows shared use paths on the bridges.
- C. Ms Cate mentioned the Dunn Loring Construction Project. They will be building some bike facilities but they may not be adequate.

**VIII. Old Business:** No old business to discuss.

**VIX. Adjournment:** Recorder for November will be Deb Leser. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Flowers, Acting Secretary