

Trails and Sidewalks Committee  
Minutes of the November 8, 2006 Meeting

Attendance: Deb Leser, Brent Reynolds, Wade Smith, Bruce Wright, Robert Michie, Peter Christensen, Roger Diedrich, Michael Shannon, Dennis Frew, Dan Iglhaut, Rebecca Cate, Jenny Pate, Ann Pimley, Sheng-Jieh Leu, Charlie Strunk.

Chairman Bruce Wright called the meeting to order at 0734. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved (MOTION: Wade Smith seconded by Mike Shannon).

B. Wright noted that the minutes would be placed on the web site as soon as possible. He no longer has access to the web site; therefore a staff person needs to be available to update the web site. S. Leu will investigate with IT.

STAFF REPORT – S. Leu

The 2006 Trails and Sidewalk Map needs verification and the types of trail surfaces needs to be reevaluated. Currently two types of surfaces are identified in the plan, 4 foot concrete sidewalk and 8 foot asphalt trail. The committee members discussed the language of the plan and the PFM descriptions. The committee members agreed by consensus that the PFM and the Plan need to correlate better with the current AASHTO standards. B. Wright suggested that each member should have a copy of the electronic file.

S. Leu distributed the Trail Waivers update.

S. Leu noted that the new Comprehensive Plan added many new trail features including widths and surfaces. The committee members requested an electronic copy for each committee member.

D. Frew stated that the Mount Vernon Trail extension from Roslyn to the American Legion Bridge is being discussed. He described the options in McLean. The Superintendent of the project is David Velin.

The FCPA is nominating the Cross County Trail for recognition by the National Recreation Trails program of the National park Service. The deadline is 12/01/2006. The web site for trails currently recognized is [www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails](http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails)

S. Leu told the committee members of a meeting on the East Coast Greenway on November 9, 2006 from 7 to 9 at the Lyles Crouch Academy. FCPA may send representatives.

## STAFF REPORT – C. Strunk

FCDOT met today with VDOT in a monthly project day. They discussed on road bike lanes and a proposal was submitted. Bill Cutler of VDOT supported the concept. The Traffic and Engineering Department was not present at the discussion, however. At Gallows Road near Courthouse Road, the W & OD may be an example. Pavement markings will be adjusted to create 11 foot lanes and a Share the Road symbol will be erected. No additional right of way will be required.

M. Shannon asked if Tyson developers have been involved in on road bike lane projects. B. Wright replied that in the Tyson redevelopment plan discussions, a bike lane should be on the ring road but the developers have not agreed to that. In addition, bike lanes on the bridge over 123 are not being required.

Old Chesterbrook Road is another site being considered for bike lanes. Committee members were encouraged to contact the members of the CTB to express support for bike and pedestrian projects,

C. Strunk discussed the new connector road through Ft Belvoir. It has no bike lanes there is a “meandering” trail. A wide curb lane and altered curb may be added.

## CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – B. Wright

Representatives from the school administration have been unable to come to the committee meetings to discuss encouraging walking and biking to school. The committee discussed ways to obtain input and share information with the school system.

Committee members asked to meet with DPW – Maintenance division employees.

B. Wright discussed the Vienna Metro Bicycle Access and the committee’s recommendation for the new project. Several elements were enthusiastically supported by the committee members (bike storage, locker rentals, and changing facilities). As metro is developed through Tyson’s Corner, members were encouraged to suggest bicycle friendly facilities there as well. Members discussed the need for Fairfax County employees to remember and support bicycle and pedestrian friendly facilities consistently.

The 2007 Transportation Bond is being discussed now. 15 million dollars may be available for pedestrian projects. Send suggestions to Chris Wells.

FCPA – J. Pate

The next bond for FCPA will include 5 million dollars for trails. There is a four person trail team and a trail development strategy plan. The 2007 lists of projects needs input from district representatives on the committee.

The FCPA mapping efforts are being funded from last year's carry over. There are over 200 miles of FCPA trails. Spatial Systems Associates are doing the mapping. Send ideas to J. Pate.

#### NEW BUSINESS

R. Michie discussed grade separated interchange issues, including S. Van Dorn Street and Franconia Road.

R. Cate discussed the Transit Oriented Development Plan being developed. It should be complete by January.

B. Wright discussed the Dun Loring redevelopment project and the proposed comments distributed to the committee members via email. The committee agreed by consensus to support specific components of the plan that are bicycle and pedestrian friendly rather than supporting or not supporting the project as a whole.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.