

Fund 30060: Pedestrian Walkway Improvements

Focus

Fund 30060, Pedestrian Walkway Improvements, supports pedestrian and walkway improvements throughout the County, including the Fairfax County Sidewalk Program and the Fairfax County Trail Program. The Fairfax County Sidewalk Program was originally established in coordination with the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to ensure safe walking conditions for public school students in the County. The program was later expanded to include critical walkway and trail segments in coordination with the Trails and Sidewalk Committee to serve the recreation and transportation



needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians in the County. This program includes projects that link residential areas and public schools, as well as missing walkway and trail segments to provide connections to completed portions of the countywide trail network. The County is currently responsible for the maintenance and upgrade of walkways, including sidewalks connecting directly to school grounds, as well as subdivision sidewalks, trails, and pedestrian bridges.

In addition to funding provided through Fund 30060, pedestrian improvement projects are also supported by revenue available to the County under the Transportation Funding and Reform Act of 2007 (HB 3202), which authorized a County commercial real estate tax in support of transportation. This commercial and

industrial real estate tax revenue is budgeted within Fund 40010, County and Regional Transportation Projects, and is funded by an approved tax rate of \$0.125 per \$100 of assessed value. Lastly, on November 4, 2014, County residents voted to approve a \$100 million Transportation Bond Referendum, of which approximately \$78 million has been allocated to pedestrian improvement projects in Fund 30050, Transportation Improvements.

In FY 2021, \$700,000 is included in Fund 30060 to meet emergency and critical infrastructure requirements for County trails, sidewalks, and pedestrian bridges. The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation are responsible for the infrastructure replacement and upgrades of 683 miles of walkways and 78 pedestrian bridges. In 2013, a Rinker Study was conducted in order to build an accurate inventory and condition assessment of County walkways and revealed that there were approximately 10 miles of trails in extremely poor condition requiring \$3 million in initial reinvestment. The Sinking Fund allocation has provided \$5.5 million to date for reinvestment in these most critical trail needs and continues to provide for trails that have since been identified as deteriorating. The Rinker Study did not include an assessment of pedestrian bridges and sinking fund allocations have enabled some progress in this area. In addition, a 5-year plan was developed identifying annual emergency funds to increase over time to a level of \$800,000 by FY 2021. Annual critical repairs include the correction of safety and hazardous conditions such as damaged trail surfaces, retaining wall failures, handrail repairs, and the rehabilitation of bridges. Funding of \$100,000 will be considered for this program as part of the *FY 2020 Carryover Review*, to increase the FY 2021 program to \$800,000.

Pandemic Response and Impact

All capital projects are being reviewed as they move into the various stages of development, including land acquisition, design, and construction. It is anticipated that most projects will continue to move forward as planned; however, some projects, such as occupied renovations, will be delayed for safety reasons and some projects may be delayed if it is determined that the General Fund cannot support the future debt service requirements. Staffing constraints may also delay the schedules for upcoming design and construction projects.

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**Changes to
FY 2020
Adopted
Budget Plan**

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2020 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2019 Carryover Review, FY 2020 Third Quarter Review, and all other approved changes through April 30, 2020.

Carryover Adjustments **\$4,294,876**

As part of the *FY 2019 Carryover Review*, the Board of Supervisors approved an increase of \$4,294,876 due to the carryover of unexpended project balances in the amount of \$3,198,307 and an adjustment of \$1,096,569. This adjustment included the appropriation of \$5,444 in in developer contributions received in FY 2019 for walkways in the Mt. Vernon District. In addition, a transfer of \$1,091,125 from the General Fund for the Capital Sinking Fund for Walkways was included in accordance with recommendations of the Infrastructure Financing Committee (IFC).

A Fund Statement and a Summary of Capital Projects are provided on the following pages. The Summary of Capital Projects may include some projects without a Total Project Estimate amount. These projects are considered "continuing" projects or projects for which funding is necessary on an ongoing basis (e.g., a contingency or planning project).

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FUND STATEMENT

Category	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan	FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan
Beginning Balance	\$2,556,289	\$0	\$3,188,997	\$0	\$0
Revenue:					
Developer Contributions ¹	\$10,444	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$10,444	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers In:					
General Fund (10001)	\$2,376,718	\$700,000	\$1,791,125	\$700,000	\$700,000
Total Transfers In	\$2,376,718	\$700,000	\$1,791,125	\$700,000	\$700,000
Total Available	\$4,943,451	\$700,000	\$4,980,122	\$700,000	\$700,000
Total Expenditures ²	\$1,754,454	\$700,000	\$4,980,122	\$700,000	\$700,000
Total Disbursements	\$1,754,454	\$700,000	\$4,980,122	\$700,000	\$700,000
Ending Balance ³	\$3,188,997	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

¹ Represents contributions provided for the implementation of walkways or trails within a specific magisterial district. In FY 2019, an amount of \$5,444 was received for walkway improvements in the Mt. Vernon District and \$5,000 was received for walkway projects in the Dranesville District.

² In order to account for revenues and expenditures in the proper fiscal year, an audit adjustment in the amount of \$14,754.80 has been reflected as an increase to FY 2019 Total Expenditures. This impacts the amount carried forward and results in a decrease of \$14,754.80 to the *FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan*. The project affected by this adjustment is ST-000031, Walkways - Sully District. The audit adjustment has been included in the FY 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Details of the audit adjustment were included in the FY 2020 Third Quarter package.

³ Capital projects are budgeted based on the total project costs. Most projects span multiple years, from design to construction completion. Therefore, funding for capital projects is carried forward each fiscal year, and ending balances fluctuate, reflecting the carryover of these funds.

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SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project	Total Project Estimate	FY 2019 Actual Expenditures	FY 2020 Revised Budget	FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan	FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan
Capital Sinking Fund For Walkways (ST-000042)	\$5,495,493	\$928,450.38	\$2,580,361.58	\$0	\$0
Contingency - General Fund (2G25-059-000)		0.00	21,449.25	0	0
Reinvestment and Repairs to County Walkways (2G25-057-000)		633,975.07	942,574.85	700,000	700,000
Richmond Highway Transp Initiatives (2G25-058-000)	2,482,842	23,578.48	220,407.73	0	0
Trail Snow Removal Pilot (2G25-114-000)	32,000	0.00	32,000.00	0	0
Walkways - Braddock District (ST-000023)		0.00	45,978.84	0	0
Walkways - Dranesville District (ST-000024)		103,769.90	275,491.29	0	0
Walkways - Hunter Mill District (ST-000025)		0.00	4,163.46	0	0
Walkways - Lee District (ST-000026)		0.00	60,309.35	0	0
Walkways - Mason District (ST-000027)		0.00	68,592.43	0	0
Walkways - Mount Vernon District (ST-000028)		1,606.92	429,209.41	0	0
Walkways - Providence District (ST-000029)		0.00	189,858.18	0	0
Walkways - Springfield District (ST-000030)		0.00	30,023.84	0	0
Walkways - Sully District (ST-000031)		63,073.70	79,701.29	0	0
Total	\$8,010,335	\$1,754,454.45	\$4,980,121.50	\$700,000	\$700,000