

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 2022, \$800,000 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 662 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 Capital Sinking Fund allocation has provided \$7.8 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 repairs 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. Due to budget constraints, the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan level was \$700,000. FY 2022 funding of \$800,000 is consistent with the Rinker Study plan and will provide for annual critical repairs including the correction of safety and hazardous conditions such as damaged trail surfaces, retaining wall failures, handrail repairs, and the rehabilitation of bridges.

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 2021 Adopted Budget Plan

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2020 Carryover Review, FY 2021 Mid-Year Review, and all other approved changes through December 31, 2020:

Carryover Adjustments **\$5,370,070**

As part of the *FY 2020 Carryover Review*, the Board of Supervisors approved an increase of \$5,370,070 due to the carryover of unexpended project balances in the amount of \$1,991,581 and an adjustment of \$3,378,489. This adjustment was required to appropriate developer contributions received in FY 2020 in the amount of \$59,934 for walkways in the Mt. Vernon District and Dranesville District. In addition, a transfer of \$1,000,000 was included from Fund 30010, General Construction and Contributions, Project 2G25-021-000, Reinvestment and Repairs to County Roads, to support approximately 662 miles of walkways and 78 pedestrian bridges. Finally, \$2,318,555 was transferred from the General Fund for the Capital Sinking Fund for Walkways in accordance with recommendations of the Infrastructure Financing Committee (IFC). The Capital Sinking Fund is funded as part of the Carryover Review by committing 20 percent of the unencumbered Carryover balances not needed for critical requirements.

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 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2021 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan
Beginning Balance	\$3,188,997	\$0	\$2,051,515	\$0
Revenue:				
Contributions ¹	\$59,934	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$59,934	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers In:				
General Fund (10001)	\$1,791,125	\$700,000	\$3,018,555	\$800,000
General Construction and Contributions Fund (30010) ²	0	0	1,000,000	0
Total Transfers In	\$1,791,125	\$700,000	\$4,018,555	\$800,000
Total Available	\$5,040,056	\$700,000	\$6,070,070	\$800,000
Total Expenditures	\$2,988,541	\$700,000	\$6,070,070	\$800,000
Total Disbursements	\$2,988,541	\$700,000	\$6,070,070	\$800,000
Ending Balance³	\$2,051,515	\$0	\$0	\$0

¹ Represents contributions provided for the implementation of walkways or trails within a specific magisterial district. In FY 2020, an amount of \$5,444 was received for walkway improvements in the Mt. Vernon District and \$54,490 was received for walkway improvements in the Dranesville District.

² Represents a transfer from Fund 30010, General Construction and Contributions, Project 2G25-021-000, Reinvestment and Repairs to County Roads, to Fund 30060, Pedestrian Walkway Improvements, Project 2G25-057-000, Reinvestment and Repairs to County Walkways, to support approximately 662 miles of walkways and 78 pedestrian bridges.

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 2020 Actual Expenditures	FY 2021 Revised Budget	FY 2022 Advertised Budget Plan
Capital Sinking Fund For Walkways (ST-000042)	\$7,814,048	\$2,066,181.14	\$2,832,735.44	\$0
Contingency - General Fund (2G25-059-000)		0.00	21,449.25	0
Reinvestment and Repairs to County Walkways (2G25-057-000)		814,503.90	1,828,070.95	800,000
Richmond Highway Transp Initiatives (2G25-058-000)	2,482,842	0.00	220,407.73	0
Trail Snow Removal Pilot (2G25-114-000)	32,000	0.00	32,000.00	0
Walkways - Braddock District (ST-000023)		0.00	45,978.84	0
Walkways - Dranesville District (ST-000024)		68,930.60	261,050.69	0
Walkways - Hunter Mill District (ST-000025)		0.00	4,163.46	0
Walkways - Lee District (ST-000026)		0.00	60,309.35	0
Walkways - Mason District (ST-000027)		0.00	68,592.43	0
Walkways - Mount Vernon District (ST-000028)		0.00	434,653.41	0
Walkways - Providence District (ST-000029)		0.00	189,858.18	0
Walkways - Springfield District (ST-000030)		0.00	30,023.84	0
Walkways - Sully District (ST-000031)		38,925.18	40,776.11	0
Total	\$10,328,890	\$2,988,540.82	\$6,070,069.68	\$800,000