

## Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Chairman Connolly and Supervisor Smyth

**Question:** Please provide a summary of sidewalk construction, including what is included in the Four-year plan and how/whether these funds are designated.

**Response:** Sidewalk and trail construction is carried out by three main entities in Fairfax County: the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES); the Fairfax County Park Authority; and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). In the past five years over 17 miles of sidewalks and 24 miles of multi-purpose trails were built by VDOT at the request of the Board of Supervisors; nearly 4 miles of new walkways have been constructed and 14 miles of walkways improved by DPWES; and over 13 miles of park trails have been built or managed by the Park Authority. Many more miles of trails and sidewalks have been built by developers following Fairfax County development requirements.

The Fall 2004 Transportation Bond Referendum approved by voters on November 2, 2004, totaled \$165 million. Additionally, \$50 million in federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds anticipated to be received by the County was added to the Board of Supervisors' Four-Year Transportation Plan. Of the total of \$215 million in the Four-Year Plan, \$10.775 million was approved for pedestrian projects (Attachment II). These include the construction of missing sidewalk and trail links connecting neighborhoods to transit facilities and growth centers, and safety improvements including improved crosswalks, pavement markings, signalization, signage, and accessibility enhancements throughout the County.

Included in this \$10.775 million was \$945,000 in Four-Year Plan funds which were originally not designated to specific pedestrian projects. Staff has prepared a Board Item for March 21, 2005, recommending the following additional projects (Attachment I) with estimated costs.

**Additional Pedestrian Projects for the Four-Year Transportation Plan to be  
Funded with Fairfax County General Obligation Bond Funds for Transportation**

<u>Proposed New Projects</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Preliminary Estimate (1)</u>
Dead Run Drive – School Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Bright Avenue to Congress Lane</i>	Dranesville	\$50,000
Hunter Mill Road – Park Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Chain Bridge Rd to Park Authority Property</i>	Hunter Mill	\$325,000
Old Centreville Road – Transit Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Old Mill Community to Park and Ride Lot</i>	Sully	\$90,000
Old Keene Mill Road – Park Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Burke Woods Drive to Four Oaks Lane</i>	Springfield	\$180,000
Westmoreland Street – School Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Kirby Road to Lemon Road</i>	Dranesville	\$300,000
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		\$945,000

- (1) Preliminary cost estimates derived from current and prior FCDOT and DPWES estimates. Detailed cost estimates for land acquisition, utility relocations, and construction will not be known until the completion of the design of each project. It is possible that actual costs will be higher and require some additional funding as the new projects are further developed.

**Approved Pedestrian Projects in the Four-Year Transportation Plan**

<u>Project</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Richmond Highway Initiative – Transit Connectivity <i>Bus Stop Enhancements, Sidewalks, Crosswalks, Lighting, Pedestrian Signals, Median Refuge Areas, Technology Initiatives Multi-Lingual Pedestrian Safety &amp; Transit Education</i>	Lee/Mount Vernon	\$7,500,000
Sydenstricker Road – Transit Connectivity <i>Pedestrian Improvements at Park-and-Ride Lot at Hooes Road</i>	Springfield (adjacent Mount Vernon)	\$40,000
Lee Highway – Activity Center Connectivity <i>Sidewalk under Interstate 66</i>	Sully	\$750,000
Ravensworth Road – Transit Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Kalorama Road to Braddock Road</i>	Braddock (adjacent Mason)	\$225,000
Little River Turnpike – Activity Center Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Virginia Street to Chowan Avenue</i>	Mason	\$600,000
Government Center Parkway – Activity Center Connectivity <i>Sidewalk and Pedestrian Intersection Improvements At Monument Drive and Government Center North Entrance</i>	Springfield	\$65,000
South Lakes Drive – Activity Center Connectivity <i>Sidewalk on from Colts Neck Road to Olde Crafts Drive</i>	Hunter Mill	\$350,000
Chain Bridge Road – Activity Center Connectivity <i>Sidewalk from Gosnell Road to Westbriar Drive</i>	Hunter Mill (adjacent Providence)	\$300,000
Other Pedestrian Facilities		\$945,000
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		\$10,775,000