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BOARD MATTER
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Consideration of a Plan Amendment for the Active Transportation and Trails Plan

Background: The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan study, which was initiated in July 2019, is updating and combining the 2021 Bicycle Master Plan and the 2018 Countywide Trails Plan into one Plan, which will be called the Active Transportation and Trails Plan, using community feedback and input from the Board.

The study took into consideration the long-term needs of the County and explored contextual and environmentally sensitive solutions that serve users of all ages and abilities. The study evaluated the current Bicycle Master Plan and Countywide Trails Plan recommendations for connectivity, safety, comfort and potential environmental impacts, and made adjustments to routes and facility recommendations consistent with the community's vision for the County.

Community engagement was provided in two rounds. The first round was held in the spring of 2021 and solicited public input on active transportation concerns, preferences, destinations, and barriers. The study held 12 virtual community meetings, and solicited input via a community survey, an interactive map to determine barriers and destinations, and an interactive map on the planned active transportation and trails network. The community feedback informed the development of the Vision, Goals and Objectives for active transportation in Fairfax County, which the Board of Supervisors endorsed in November 2021. This document, as well as the Countywide Strategic Plan, provided the guiding principles for the development of the Active Transportation and Trails Plan. The second round of community engagement was held in the fall of 2024 and solicited community feedback on the draft Active Transportation and Trails Plan. The study hosted 12 community open-houses, 4 virtual community meetings, a community

survey, an interactive map that provided the opportunity to comment directly on the proposed active transportation and trail network, and over 30 pop up events. Those who took part in the public engagement effort included residents, road safety, bike/ped and environmental organizations, and representatives of homeowner associations and civic associations.

To reflect the proposed Active Transportation and Trails Plan, it is necessary to update the Transportation Element of the Policy Plan to align technical terms, definitions and facility type recommendations, map notes and references to the Countywide Trails Plan and Bicycle Master Plan.

Motion: Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to consider a Comprehensive Plan amendment that incorporates the Active Transportation and Trails Plan.