



Draft Active Transportation and Trails Plan

ACTIVEFAIRFAX TRANSPORTATION PLAN STUDY PA-2025-CW-T1

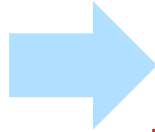
Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee

December 2, 2025

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Overview

ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan



Active Transportation and Trails Plan

February 2022

ActiveFairfax Phase II

Continue Public Outreach;
[Bicycle Parking Guidelines](#);
[Active Transportation Toolkit](#);
Develop Network
Recommendations

Summer 2025

June - July

Development of Draft Map;
Draft Amendments to Special
Area Plans and other elements
of the Comprehensive Plan;
Continue Outreach

Winter 2025

October - March 2026

Publish Draft Map and
Supporting Material(s);
BOS and PC Committee
Meeting(s); Refine Draft
based on Comment(s)

July 2019

Board Authorization

June 2020

ActiveFairfax Phase I

Begin Public Outreach;
Develop Draft Map; Gap
Analysis; [Safe Streets for All](#)

May 2025

Board Authorization;
[Draft Map and
Materials Published](#);
Begin Outreach

Summer 2025

August - September

Community Meeting(s);
Public Comment Period;
Continue Development of
Map; Continue
Drafting Amendments

Spring 2026

Anticipated Adoption

Key Goals

01

Streamline Comprehensive Plan guidance on AT (currently provides conflicting recommendations)

02

Fill gaps in the planned network * and mitigate potential impacts on natural or cultural resources

03

Update facility types and design recommendations to reflect current best practices, national and state standards

* Federal funding sources may require facilities to be included in and/or be designated as a regional route in the Comprehensive Plan.

Community Engagement (Fall 2025)

- Public Survey
- 2 virtual community meetings
- “Quick Guide” to aid Public Comment Period
- Pop up engagement along trails, at Farmers Markets, and Community Events
- Social media post and ad on Fairfax Connector fleet, Facebook, and LinkedIn
- Flyers were posted in Community Centers, Libraries, and Parks



Community Feedback (Fall 2025)

- General concerns around pedestrian safety in existing conditions
- Support for expanded trail network and multimodal connectivity
- Support for off-street bicycle facilities (e.g., cycletracks, trails) and improved pedestrian comfort and accessibility

Survey Participation:

Active Transportation and Trails Plan			
Project Engagement			
VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS
3,794	66	562	131

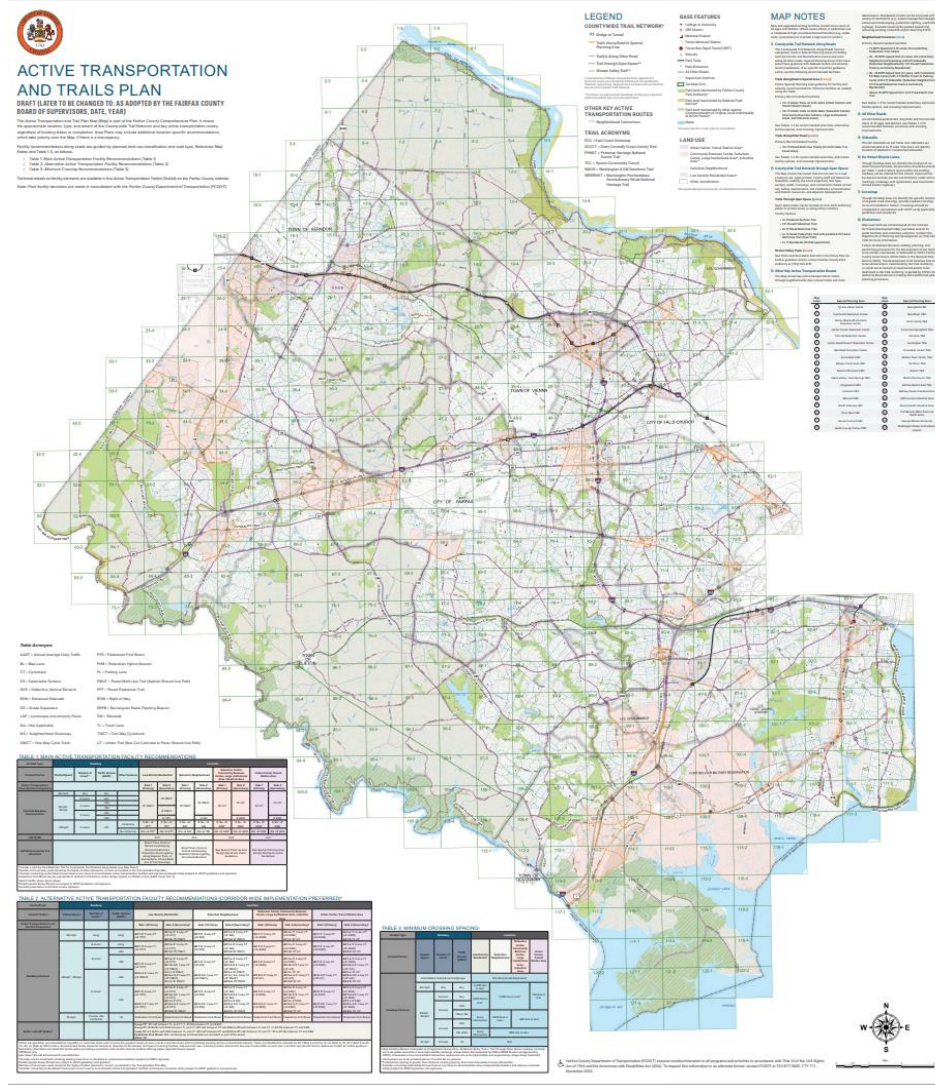
Map Overview

Plan Title and Updated Introduction

Updated Main Facility Selection Recommendations

Updated Guidance on Alternative Facilities

Updated Crossing Spacing Guidance

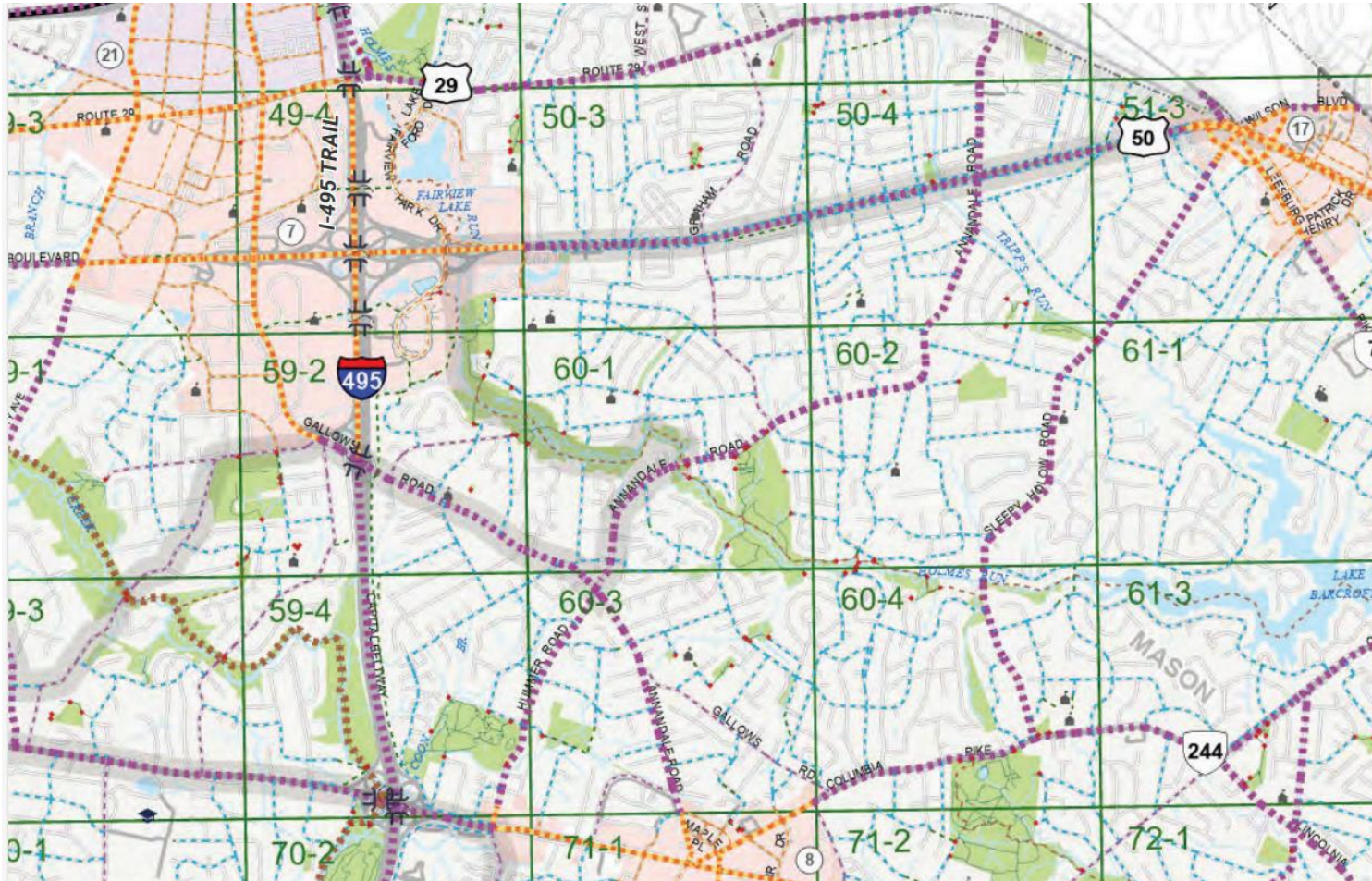


← Updated Map Legend and Notes

← Special Planning Area Key





[Active Transportation and Trails Plan Map](#)
(November 2025)

Updated Active Transportation Network Symbology



Legend


Countywide Trail Network*

-  Trails Along Road in Special Planning Area
-  Trail(s) Along Other Road
-  Trail Through Open Space**
-  Stream Valley Trail**

* Line thickness indicates network function; regional and local trail routes are indicated by bolded and non-bolded line thickness respectively. Regional hard-surface multi-use facilities are part of the Capital Trails Network.

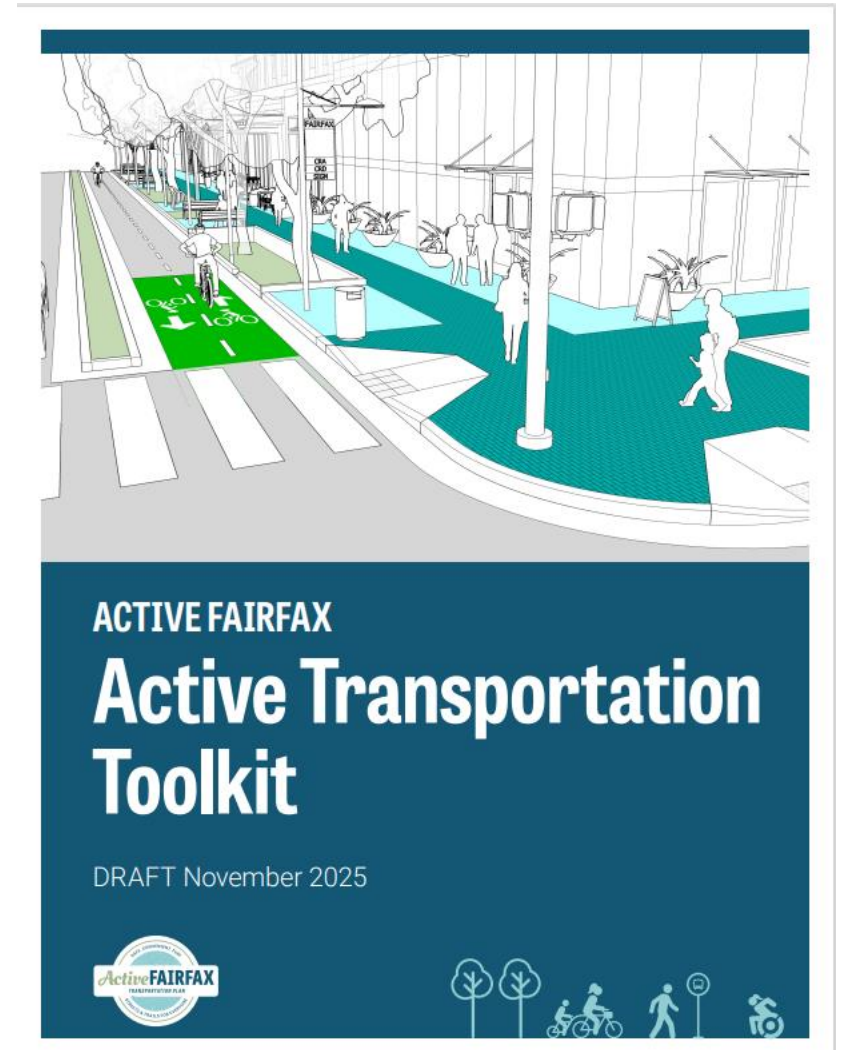
**Locations are approximate; feasibility, facility type, alignment, width and surface type are to be determined.

Other Key Active Transportation Routes

-  Neighborhood Connectors

Active Transportation Toolkit

- Included in the draft Active Transportation and Trails Plan (ATTP) by reference
 - [ActiveFairfax Active Transportation Toolkit](#) (November 2025)
- Purpose:
 - Provide additional information on network symbology and facility recommendations
 - Support future Special Planning Area studies
 - Support implementation of planned facilities
- Updated content to align with draft ATTP and new federal and state standards



Additional Comprehensive Plan Changes

- Transportation Element of the Policy Plan
 - Appendix 3: Revised to reflect plan vision, all ages and abilities design user, facility types
 - [Proposed Policy Plan Text for the Active Transportation and Trails Plan](#) (November 2025)
 - Appendix 5: Remove Bicycle Master Plan
- Special Area Plans
 - Revision of references to Countywide Trails Plan and Bicycle Master Plan





Feedback requested from the Board by December 30, 2025

1. Is the BOS comfortable with the proposed network of key active transportation routes as shown on the ATTP Map?
2. Is the BOS comfortable with the specific active transportation facility and amenity recommendations shown in Tables 1-3 on the ATTP Map?
3. Is the BOS comfortable with the suggested updates of Appendix 3?

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/active-fairfax>