



Update on the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan: Development of Draft Active Transportation and Trails Network

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Why is the Update of the Active Transportation and Trails Network Needed?

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Current Comprehensive Plan guidance provides conflicting recommendations

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There are gaps in the planned network and potential impacts on natural or cultural resources that need to be minimized

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Facility types and design recommendations should be updated to reflect current best practices, national and state standards

How was the Active Transportation and Trail Network Updated?

Step 1

Internal
Coordination



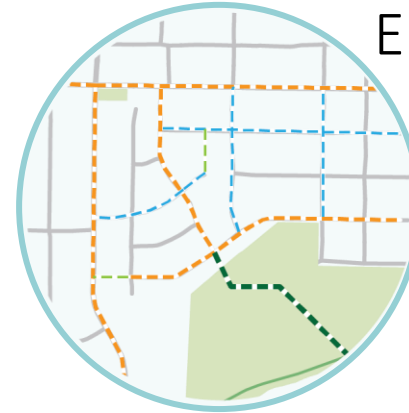
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Internal
Coordination

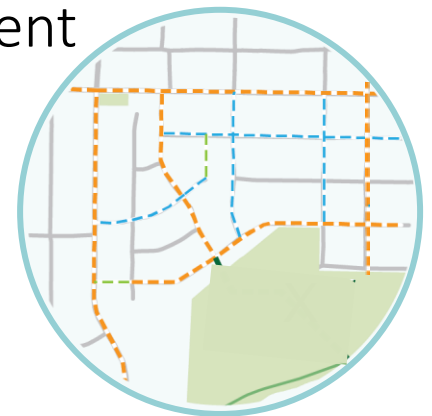


Step 3

Public and
Stakeholder
Engagement



Step 4



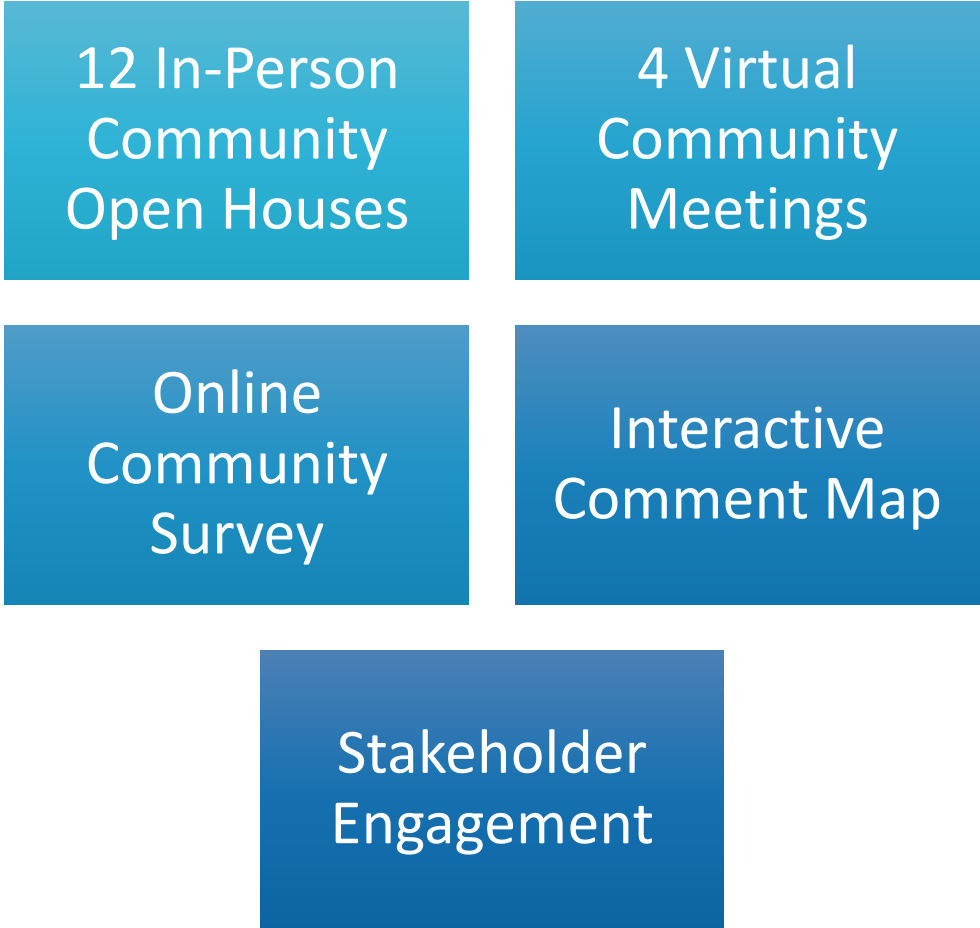
Combine planned networks; add public input from Phase I engagement; fix data errors

Fill network gaps; review for environmental conflicts and find alternative routes if possible

Identify regional routes; coordinate with external landowners and surrounding jurisdictions

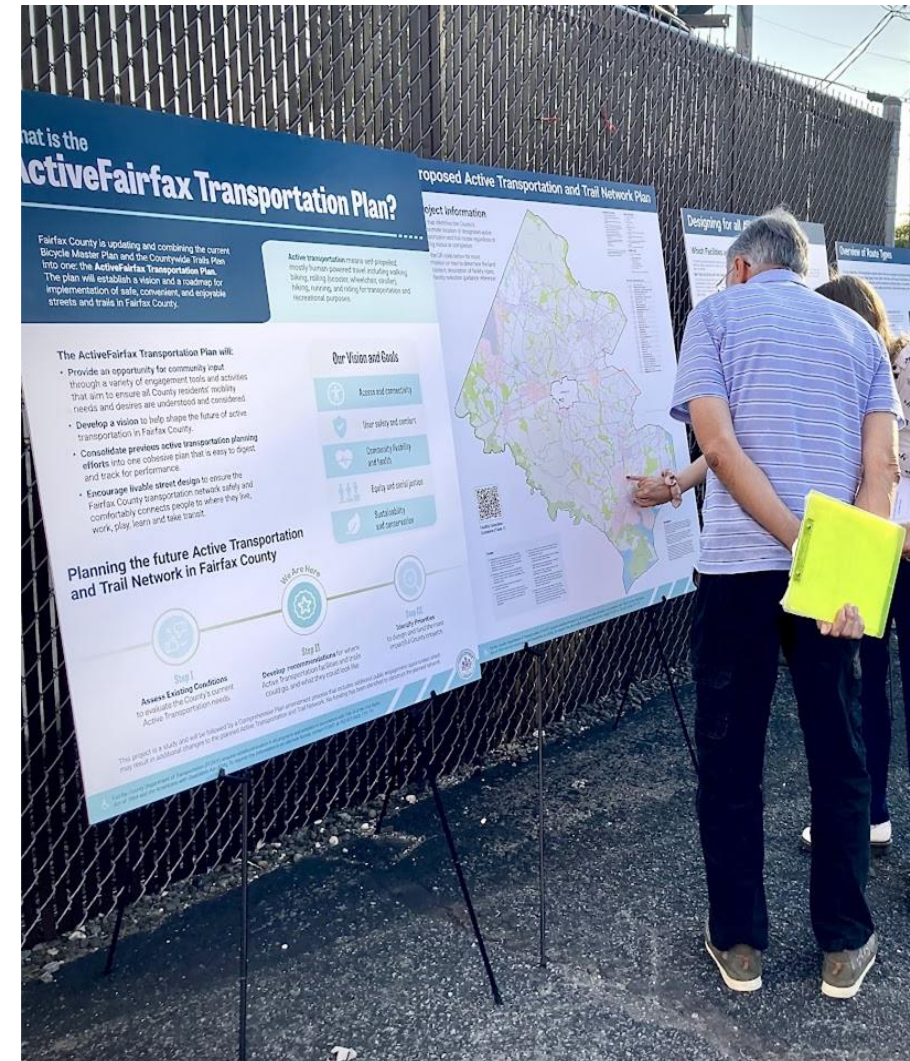
Network revised as needed

Community Engagement on the Proposed Planned Active Transportation and Trails Network Updates

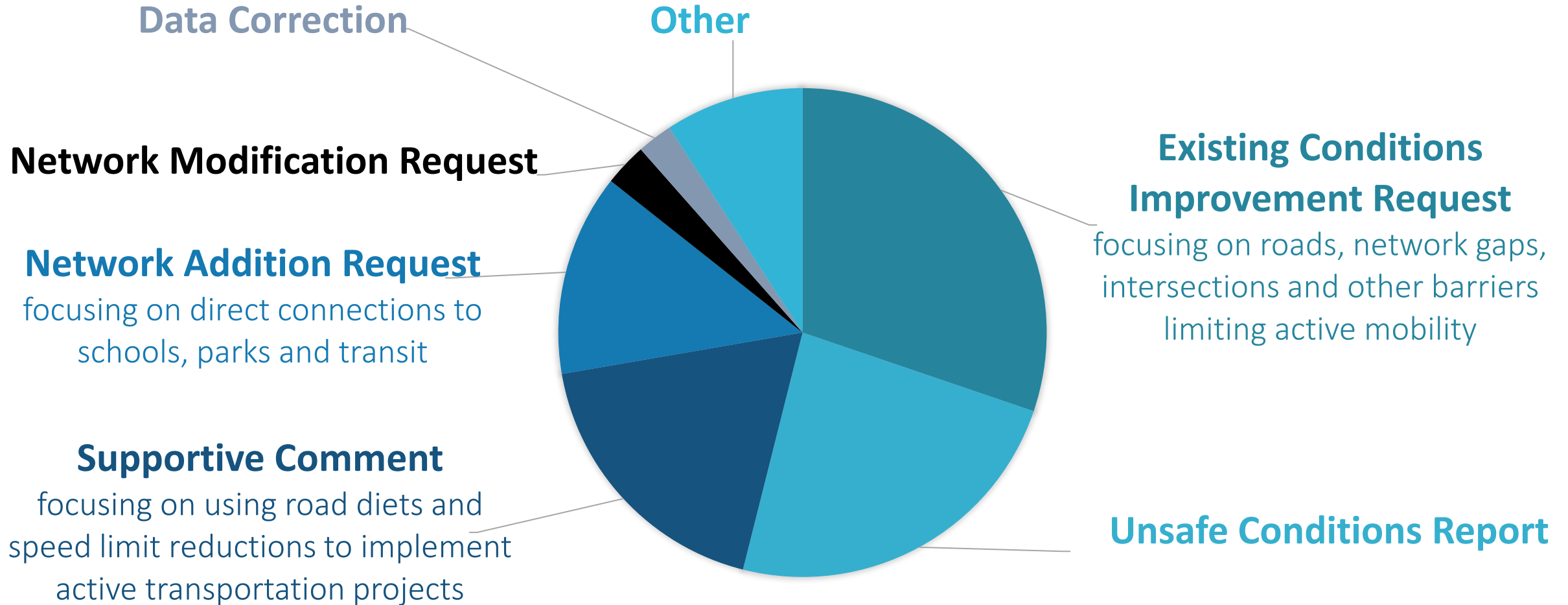


Community Open House/Virtual Meeting Key Takeaways

- Focus on:
 - Pedestrian and bicycle safety
 - Filling in gaps in existing trail, sidewalk and bikeway networks
- Encourage more dedicated bicycle facilities
- Align with unique parts of the County
 - Urban: Provide better signage
 - Suburban: increase connections between neighborhoods
 - Rural: Protect equine trails
- Recommend providing a baseline facility recommendation and list other options



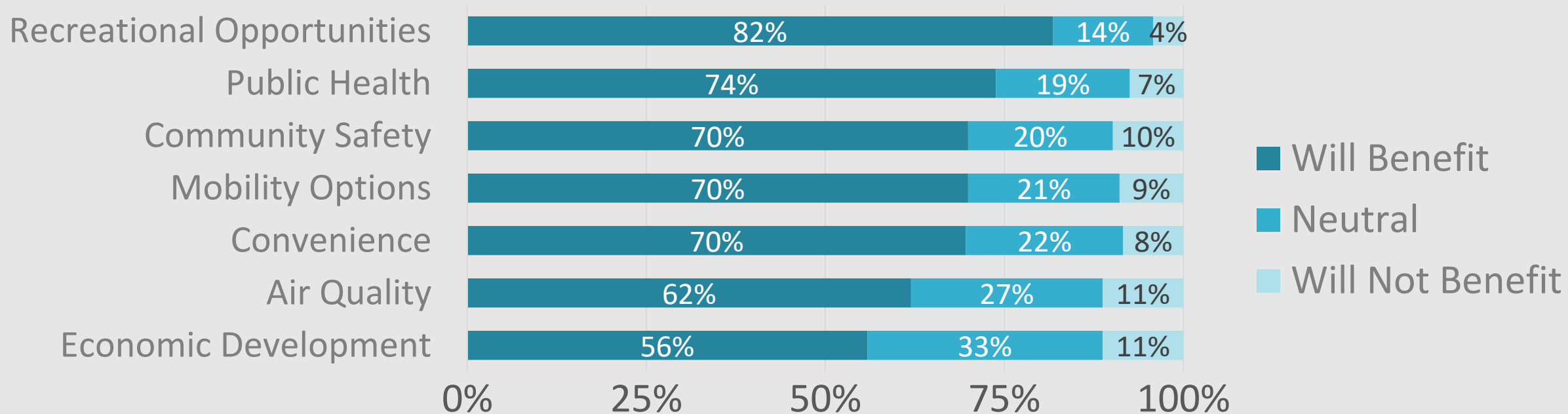
Key Takeaways from 599 Interactive Map Comments



425 Online Community Survey Participants

- Preference for separated facilities that minimize interaction with traffic
- Concern about speeding, distracted driving, traffic enforcement and maintenance
- Anticipate community benefits across various categories

Perceived Benefits of ActiveFairfax Draft Network



Addressing Public and Stakeholder Concerns



Network edits reflect public feedback, where feasible



Provision of one baseline facility recommendation per route type, with additional options provided in the map notes



Recommended lowering speed limits on shared streets, and identified additional speed management strategies

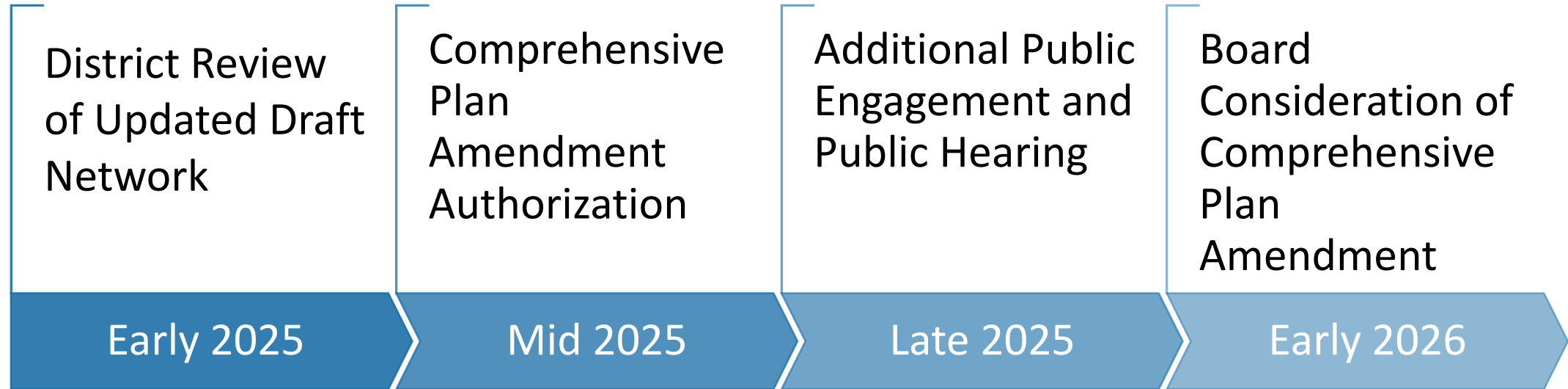


Safety concerns and improvement requests shared with responsible agencies for review and further action



Overall feedback to inform the development of policy, programmatic and implementation recommendations

Next Steps





Feedback requested from the Board by March 14

- Does the Board have any questions or comments about the proposed Active Transportation and Trails Network?
- Does the Board have any additional issues or topics related to Active Transportation and Trails Network planning that should be considered prior to entering the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process?

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