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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee (TSB)

April 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Room 8, Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy

Fairfax, VA 22035

Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails>

Howard Albers, Secretary

Members Present:

Bob Cosgriff (Braddock District/Vice-Chair), Jim Corcoran (Fairfax County Park Authority), Howard Albers (Washington Area Bicyclists Association), Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville District), James Albright (Mason District), Maria Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association), Karen Ampeh (Sully District), and Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society).

Members Absent:

Erin Partlan (Franconia District), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon District), Shawn Newman (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling FABB), Ken Comer (At Large/Chair), Tyler Schiefelbein (Springfield), Brooks Stephens (Providence District), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association), Diane Monnig (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Mike DePue (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority), and Alex Rough (Hunter Mill District).

Others in Attendance: Nicole Wynands Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)

Call to Order: Bob Cosgriff, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the March 2024 minutes will be done at the next meeting.

Presentation: None

Staff Report: Nicole Wynands reported FCDOT is currently conducting public meetings on the 2024 street repaving program. Details are on the FCDOT website.

For the first time in 25 years, a Fairfax County task force is reviewing the Comprehensive Plan amendments for the Centreville Planning Area. The plan revisions will include active transportation features for the area. Now is a good time to express views to the task force about specific active transportation improvements and recommendations.

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On May 7, 2024, at 4 PM the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on converting the Yield to Pedestrians signs to Stop for Pedestrians signs. There are 206 locations in the county where signs will need to be changed.

Future presentations to the TSB committee follow:

- May 8 Richmond Highway and Bus Rapid Transit Improvements FCDOT and VDOT
- June 12 Fairfax County Active Transportation Plan Nicole Wynands
- July 10 Fairfax County Park Authority Trails (request pending) Jai Cole Executive Director
- September 11 VDOT NOVA Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Brian Leckie

Nicole Wynands reported she received a response from Ms. Torsha Bhattacharya, the program manager for the VDOT State Trails Office to the questions raised by the committee at the February 14, 2024 meeting. Nicole asked Ms. Bhattacharya to clarify her response before she provided it to the TSB committee.

Nicole Wynands reported that FCDOT was applying for a regional trails grant under the newly authorized Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program.

Discussions: Bob Cosgriff reported he has been working with Braddock County Supervisor James Walkinshaw and Andrew Shelton, the Fairfax County Public School Safe Routes to School coordinator, on closing a short sidewalk gap between Robinson High School and Oakview Elementary School. Nicole Wynands said good coordination is needed between the public schools and FCDOT when projects are requested for funding.

Lydia Lawrence discussed the response received related to the committee's letter about the County's 2025 Budget. It was suggested that committee members talk with their District Supervisors and encourage them to support increasing staffing and more resources for park authority trails in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. Nicole will invite Jai Cole, the Executive Director of FCPA, to the July 10, 2024. meeting to inform the committee about the status of the park trails, plans for increasing the trail staff, and how additional funds would be used.

James Albright reported that the Annandale Greenway was selected for a Virginia Tech graduate class project on urban planning. The project results will be shared with the Mason District Supervisor, FCDOT and FCPA staff. Trail signs and fundraising are currently being discussed for the Annandale Greenway.

Howard Albers reported that on April 13, 2024, the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling is sponsoring a ride on the 66 Parallel Trail to explore alternate bicycle routes around Random Hills Park. Nicole Wynands said this section of the trail is being planned by the FCDOT special projects unit. Nicole agreed to contact the FCDOT special projects staff member and get the design details, funding, and timeline to completion. This unbuilt portion of the 66 Parallel Trail prevents easy access to Route 28 and the new Woodlands Stewardship Education center at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Nicole mentioned two alternate routes in the area – one using Wapels Mill Road (North) and Pender Brook and the other using Wapels Mill Road (South) and Random Hills Road.

Karen Ampeh commented that better signage is needed on park authority trails. Karen mentioned that some interpretive trail signs are dirty and hard to read while others are cared for by volunteers. Karen asked if there could be a way of recognizing the efforts of volunteer efforts. Having county park signs on non-park property was discussed. James Corcoran asked that pictures of the park authority signs, its location, and the latitude and longitude, if possible, on non-FCPA land to him and he or someone else would research the matter.

Howard Albers suggested having Cross County Trail (CCT) directional and mile markers near the Blake Lane sidewalk and on other non-park property would be helpful in identifying and promoting the 41-mile Gerry Connolly CCT.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes were approved by the TSB Committee on June 11, 2024.