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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee (TSB)

May 8, 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: Ken Comer (At Large/Chair), Bob Cosgriff (Braddock District/Vice-Chair), Howard Albers (Washington Area Bicyclists Association), Karen Ampeh (Sully District), Shawn Newman (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling FABB), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon District), Brooks Stephens (Providence District), and Erin Partlan (Franconia District).

Members Absent: Jim Corcoran (Fairfax County Park Authority), Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville District), James Albright (Mason District), Maria Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association), Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Tyler Schiefelbein (Springfield), 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), Robert Boyd, Fairfax County Park Authority, Dan Reinhard, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and A J Hamidi, FCDOT.

Call to Order: Ken Comer, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the March, April, and May 2024 minutes will be considered at the next committee meeting.

Presentation: Dan Reinhard from VDOT briefed the committee on the status of the Richmond Highway Improvements. The project includes widening of 3.1 miles of Route 1 to three lanes in each direction, improving some intersections, providing space for bus rapid transit to be built by FCDOT, and adding sidewalk and cycle tracks on both sides of the project. Completion of the fully funded project is scheduled for 2031.

Committee members suggested that VDOT should implement No Left Turn Red at the intersections on Route 1 where there will be cycle tracks. Vehicles turning right will block the cycle track or create an unsafe contact point for bicyclists.

AJ Hamidi from FCDOT provided information about the 8 miles Bus Rapid Transit route between

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Huntington METRO and Fort Belvoir. There will be nine bus stations. The county has about 80% of the design work done on the BRT project. The BRT line will be branded “The One” since it will follow Route 1. Bicycles will be accommodated inside of the BRT buses.

Staff Report: Nicole Wynands mentioned 2 public meetings in May:

- [Wiehle Avenue Study Community Meeting Set for May 23, 2024 | Transportation \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
- [Event Details | Route 29 southbound shared-use paths Fairfax County | Virginia Department of Transportation.](#)

FCDOT will be represented at seven Bike to Work Day pit stops on Friday, May 17.

A Spanish version of the 2023 County bicycle map has been published. FCDOT is updating the 2023 bicycle map so if there are any suggested changes, please share them with Nicole.

The 2024 VDOT repaving meetings have been completed, however, final decisions on work to be done have not yet been made.

Nicole reported that the Active Transportation Plan will not be ready to present to the TSB Committee at the June meeting. The network map is now under review by county supervisors. Outreach materials are being prepared for use between August and December.

Future presentations to the TSB committee follow:

- June 12 NOVA Loop Trail Ryan Paul Johnson FCDOT
- July 10 Fairfax County Park Authority Trails (request pending) Jai Cole Executive Director
- September 11 VDOT NOVA Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Brian Leckie

Discussions: Howard Albers asked Nicole if she had more information about the 66 Parallel Trail alternate bicycle routes around Random Hills Park. Nicole said that Brian Leckie, the NOVA District VDOT Bike Ped Coordinator would be the best person to answer the questions about the alternate route signs at the September meeting. Nicole commented that it may be helpful if volunteers wanted to propose locations for alternate route signs.

The committee discussed the merits of having government employees as members of the TSB citizen’s advisory committee. More discussions will be needed before proposing by-law changes to the Board of Supervisors.

Article VI of the [Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Bylaws | Transportation \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#) provides that any committee member may designate a proxy representative to the committee chair prior to the meeting so they may vote of behalf of the member they are representing. A proxy notification should be sent to both kcomer@gmu.com and Nicole.Wynands@fairfaxcounty.gov . Doing so will help achieve a meeting quorum.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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