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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee (TSB)

October 9, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Room 7, 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), Howard Albers (Washington Area Bicyclists Association), Karen Ampeh (Sully District), Jim Corcoran (Fairfax County Park Authority), Shawn Newman (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling FABB), Noel Popwell (Springfield), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon District), James Albright (Mason District), and Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville District).

Member Proxies: Ken Comer (At-Large/Chair) proxy given to Bob Cosgriff. Erin Partlan (Franconia District) proxy given to Bob Cosgriff.

Members Absent: Brooks Stephens (Providence District), Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Maria Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association), Alex Rough (Hunter Mill District), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association), Diane Monnig (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), and Mike DePue (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority).

Others in Attendance: Nicole Wynands, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), Diane Luy, member of the public, Daniel DiCocco, member of the public, and Philip Latasa, Friends of Accotink Creek.

Call to Order: Bob Cosgriff (Braddock District/Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 10, 2024, TSB committee minutes. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 11, 2024, TSB committee minutes. The motion was approved.

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Presentation: Nicole Wynands provided the timeline and summarized the features of the Fairfax County Active Transportation Plan being developed:

- 2020 FCDOT launched the plan
- 2022 Safe Streets for All concept approved. The county has not yet funded the program
- 2023 County worked to combine the trail and bike maps
- 2024 Bicycle Parking Guidelines approved
- 2024 drafted the trail network and toolkit
- FCDOT held 12 meetings attended by 90 residents
- In November 2024 FCDOT will hold four community virtual meetings (1 in Spanish)
- Summer 2025 goal for the County Board of Supervisors to approve Active Transportation Plan

Nicole asked committee members and other advocates to review and comment on the 122 page toolkit, [Active Transportation Toolkit \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/active-transportation-toolkit) and to provide policy recommendations for state or local active transportation improvements. Comments are due to FCDOT by December 20, 2024 for the network map, toolkit, and policy recommendations.

Staff Report: Nicole Wynands reported the county received 500 additional bicycle or pedestrian improvement project requests. FCDOT will be reviewing the process for selecting which improvements to make first. FCDOT is accepting comments on a proposed road diet for Huntington Avenue until October 25, 2024. [Fairfax County to Hold Huntington Avenue Reconfiguration Meeting Oct. 9, 2024 | Transportation](#)

Public Comments: Diane Luy expressed her concerns about the absence of bicycle facilities on sections of Waples Mill Road. Committee members advised Diane to contact her county supervisor and express her concerns about the missing links for bicyclists and pedestrians. Daniel DiCocco commented about the absence of wayfinding signs directing students toward Rocky Run Middle School. Philip Latasa commented that the planned Cider Bed Trail will adversely impact the environment.

Discussions:

The committee members expressed concern that the draft active transportation network being considered does not include planned trails of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Failure to incorporate Fairfax County Park Authority's trail system into the Active Transportation Network creates an artificial barrier in the County's ability to plan and maintain an integrated network of trails throughout the county. A motion was made and seconded for the committee to send the Board of Supervisors a letter expressing the committee's concern. Jim Corcoran, the Fairfax County Park Authority representative, abstained. The motion was approved.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.