



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee (TSB)

December 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Room 7, Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy

Fairfax, VA 22035

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

Members Present: Kenneth Comer (At-large), Chair; Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), Vice Chair; Brooks Stephens (Providence District), Daniel Eisert (Hunter Mill), John Eltzroth, (WABA), Jim Klein (Mt. Vernon District), James Corcoran (FCPA)

Members Absent: Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville), Karen O. Ampeh (Sully District), Joy Faunce (FABB), Lenny Bankester (Mason District), Erin Partlan (Franconia), Bryan Scrafford (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Matt Bell (Fairfax Federation of Citizen Associations), Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Noel Popwell (Springfield), Maria Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association)

Proxies: Maria Lashinger (to Ken Comer), Lydia Lawrence (to Ken Comer)

Vacant Seats: NOVA Parks

Staff Support: Andrew Sheldon, FCDOT

Call to Order: Chair Ken Comer called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. A quorum (including proxies) was present.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the November, 2025 minutes was deferred to January.

Administrative Action: In preparation for the January, 2026, election of Committee officers, current chair Ken Comer (At-large) agreed to continue to serve as chair for 2026. Upon approval by the committee, he will nominate persons to serve as Vice-Chair (incumbent is stepping down at the end of his term on 31 January, 2026) and Secretary (position currently vacant).

FCDOT Updates: Andrew Sheldon provided updates on the status of the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan (Planning Commission hearing on 11 February, 2026 and BOS hearing on 2 March, 2026), the turn-calming pilot program that will start in early 2026, FCDOT hiring actions (Planner IV to replace the retiring Nicole Wynands), and community engagement on the next (and final) round of the Project Prioritization Process to carry out the Board's \$100 Million for Active Transportation commitment between FY2021 and FY2027.

Presentation: Jason Zogg, Director of Placemaking and Activation, briefed the committee on the Tysons Community Alliance (TCA). The TCA is an outgrowth of the Tysons Comprehensive Plan and was established to achieve the vision of the Tysons Task Force proposals endorsed by the Board of Supervisors. It is a non-profit "implementation entity" with a Board of Directors (half appointed by the County and half nominated by business concerns in Tysons) that operates in consonance with an MOU with the County. One of its main goals is to foster the development of a sense of place and community through the creation of a robust active transportation infrastructure

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that fosters non-vehicular mobility. It is also a “Place Management Organization” to support community growth and evolution toward the vision and goals of the Tysons Comprehensive Plan. Basically, it operates somewhat like a Business Improvement District (BID). The TCA offers the advantage of agility in bringing about certain active transportation improvements more quickly than entities such as VDOT or FCDOT. By coordinating with all stakeholders to identify ways that it can fast-track active transportation projects (e.g., funding design projects, doing field research, establishing pilot programs, and promoting proof-of-concept demonstrations) it can identify and act on useful ideas expeditiously.

Under its Strategic Plan, the TCA focuses its activities in three major areas: Walkability/Bikeability, Traffic Demand Management (TDM), and Planning and Studies. It has a \$4 million dollar budget with the majority from Transportation Service District funding and other resources from the Commonwealth’s Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Fairfax County through the normal budgeting process. Mr. Zogg discussed several FY26 projects that demonstrated the Alliance’s level of effort in carrying out its mission. The vision and goal is to go from “good to gold” in making Tysons the gold standard in active transportation implementation for urban environments.

New Business: Mount Vernon District representative, Jim Klein, raised an issue regarding a perceived disconnect between FCPA trail planning and the broader Fairfax County trail planning as reflected in the soon-to-be-adopted Active Transportation Plan, specifically for trails in stream valley parks. The FCPA representative provided insights on Park trail planning policies and procedures. Mr. Klein will draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors to be considered by the committee at the January, 2026, meeting.

Public Comments: No members of the public were present at this meeting

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.