



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee (TSB)

May 14, 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: Ken Comer (At Large/Chair), Bob Cosgriff (Braddock District/Vice-Chair), Howard Albers (Washington Area Bicyclists Association), Maria Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association), Jim Corcoran (Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)), Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville), Noel Popwell (Springfield), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Erin Partlan, (Franconia), Brooks Stephens (Providence), and Karen Ampeh (Sully)

Members Absent: Alex Rough (Hunter Mill District), Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Shawn Newman (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling FABB) and Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association)

Seats Vacant: Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority), and (Mason District)

Others in Attendance: Andrew Sheldon, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), Stephanie Canejo, Long Range Planning Section Supervisor, FCPA.

Call to Order: Ken Comer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: The April 9, 2025, meeting minutes were approved, as corrected.

Presentation: Ken Comer introduced Stephanie Canejo, the Long Range Planning Section Supervisor from the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Park Authority is moving from a 10-year planning cycle to a five-year cycle. The Park Authority sent out a statistically valid sample to Fairfax County residents asking about what park facilities are needed. The TSB committee members were encouraged to complete 2026 Parks Needs Assessment Survey and encourage others to also complete the survey. The survey closes on June 15, 2025. The assessment will inform decision-making for park investments, improvements, and the 2026 park bond. The assessment will be completed in Spring 2026.

Public Comments: None

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Staff Report: Andrew Sheldon reported that FCDOT has received feedback from the neighboring jurisdictions on the NOVA Loop Trail. Howard Albers reported that the NOVA Loop Trail is now included as Short Routes - Adventure Cycling Association.

Andrew Sheldon reported that FCDOT has not been able to find a better route for the Cinder Bed Trail. No changes to the planned route are anticipated.

Discussions: Lydia Lawrence reported that the County Board of Supervisors recently approved the FY 2026 budget. Of note to the committee, the county did not cut the \$250,000 in park maintenance funding and did not fund the Safe Streets for All Program.

Ken Comer and Bob Cosgriff attended a May 8, 2025, meeting of the Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Commission on the transportation text of the County's policy plan. Pedestrian safety continues to be a high priority focus area.

Andrew Sheldon was asked to invite the VDOT I-495 Southside Project Manager to the June 2025 TSB Committee meeting to present information on the proposed I-495 trail.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes were approved by the TSB Committee on 11 June, 2025