



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee (TSB)

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

Room 8, 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), Maria Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association), Bryan Scrafford (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Erin Partlan (Franconia), Henry Bankester (Mason), Daniel Eisert (Hunter Mill)

Members Absent: Karen Ampheh (Sully), Lydia Lawrence (Dranesville), Noel Popwell (Springfield), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon) (proxy granted to Robert Cosgriff), Jim Corcoran (Fairfax County Park Authority), Kathryn McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Joy Faunce (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling), Brooks Stephens (Providence) (proxy granted to Ken Comer)

Seats Vacant: Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations, Washington Area Bicyclist Association (nominee pending approval)

Others in Attendance: Andrew Sheldon, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), three members of BS Troop 128 (McLean) and three parents

Call to Order: Ken Comer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: The July 9, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

Committee Business:

- Chair Ken Comer welcomed new members to the committee and asked all committee members to provide some background about themselves
- Bryan Scrafford (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board) was unanimously approved as Secretary to replace Howard Albers, whose term expired on 30 June
- Erin Partlan (Franconia) announced that a pilot “Slow Streets” program in Springfield was awaiting Board of Supervisors approval. The pilot program would start in summer 2026 and would employ various methods to slow vehicle traffic in an attempt to improve bike/ped safety
- Marie Lashinger (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association) provided a status of actions taken to date by the “Early Involvement in the Land-use Planning” working group.

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The working group has developed an outreach plan (spreadsheet) that shows how to get into the planning process at the district level and the County level. Next step is to prepare a one-page tutorial on the Department of Planning and Development and the new PLUS system

Erin Partlan (Franconia) (“Improved Coordination with Allies” working group) briefly discussed ways that the committee could go beyond the people who come to our meetings. By bringing more residents “into the tent” we might gain new and valuable inputs to guide committee decisions.

Presentation: None

Public Comments: The remainder of the meeting was given over to the scouts from Troop 128 who were working on a Citizenship merit badge. They asked a number of questions about how trails are built, the biggest challenges facing the community when it comes to walking/biking, how young people can get more involved in the community on these issues, how to get trails maintained, how can organizations like the Scouts contribute to a stronger community. These questions were answered by various committee members and the FCDOT staff representative. The interaction was lively and informative both for the scouts and the committee.

Future Presentations:

Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, Route Bus Rapid Transit and EMBARK update were proposed for upcoming presentations

Staff Report: Andrew Sheldon reported on the status of vacant seats. The Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations was approved and NOVA Parks is still pending a nominee.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.