

ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan - Final Draft Vision, Goals and Objectives

Vision Statement:

Fairfax County streets, sidewalks, bikeways and trails are welcoming places where people of diverse races, cultures, incomes, ages and abilities feel comfortable using active transportation to safely and conveniently access the widest range of destinations and to exercise, relax or spend time outdoors.

Active transportation is mostly non-motorized travel including walking, biking, hiking, and riding a scooter or horse for transportation or recreational purposes.

Goal 1: Access and Connectivity

Provide a **well-connected active transportation network** that offers safe, comfortable, convenient, healthy, sustainable and affordable mobility options and recreational opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Objectives:

- 1.1 Plan, implement and maintain a comprehensive, connected and efficient network of **comfortable, safe and inviting** sidewalks, bikeways, paved trails, natural surface trails and Complete Streets that provide **convenient access** to the widest range of destinations and invite residents and visitors to exercise, relax or spend time outdoors.
- 1.2 Pursue policies and design solutions that accelerate the provision and quality of convenient and secure **active transportation end of trip facilities** at destinations.
- 1.3 **Address** active **transportation needs** in all County capital improvement projects and throughout all phases of public and private development.
- 1.4 Develop and prioritize strategies to **accelerate active transportation project funding, design and implementation**, and make projects more cost-effective without reducing quality.

Goal 2: Safety and Comfort

Ensure active transportation user **safety** and **comfort**.

Objectives:

- 2.1 Develop and implement policies and programs that focus on **minimizing traffic injuries and fatalities** with a focus on active transportation users, monitor effectiveness and update as needed.
- 2.2 Develop and apply context sensitive countywide **Complete Streets design guidelines** that meet best practices and community needs.
- 2.3 Pursue policies and incentives that **reduce vehicle trips** and increase active transportation and transit use.
- 2.4 Pursue policies, programs and design solutions that **reduce vehicle speeds** particularly in residential and commercial areas.
- 2.5 **Monitor crash factors** and provide **targeted multi-modal education** on transportation safety best practices.
- 2.6 Ensure **regular maintenance** of sidewalks, bikeways, and trails to enhance user experience, safety and comfort.

Goal 3: Livability and Health

Advance public health and quality of life by providing inviting sidewalks, bikeways and trails **that encourage frequent usage.**

Objectives:

- 3.1 Apply best practices in **Complete Streets design**, including wider sidewalks, bicycle facilities serving all ages and abilities, narrower streets, lower design speeds and supporting amenities.
- 3.2 Apply best practices in **trail design**, including context appropriate trail widths and surface materials, trail access, and supporting amenities such as wayfinding signage, places to rest and bicycle parking facilities.
- 3.3 Provide a variety of educational and promotional programs and events to **boost the use of active transportation modes, facilities and programs.**

Goal 4: Equity and Social Justice

Provide an active transportation network that adequately addressed the **mobility needs of communities of color and low-income communities**, as well as the **mobility needs of the most vulnerable users** including small children and their caregivers, youth, people with disabilities, and older adults.

Objectives:

- 4.1 Adhere to the **OneFairfax Policy** when developing, implementing and evaluating active transportation policies, programs, facilities, and practices.
- 4.2 Using a data-driven approach, identify and **prioritize neighborhoods and communities in greatest need** of active transportation infrastructure for capital improvements and facility maintenance.
- 4.3 Apply best practices in **inclusive public engagement** to determine the mobility and recreational needs of the full spectrum of active transportation users, to identify potential unintended consequences, and to appropriately balance impacts with community needs.

Goal 5: Sustainability and Conservation

Provide sustainable and carbon-neutral transportation options that **advance climate change goals** and **protect environmental and cultural resources**.

Objectives:

- 5.1 Implement strategies outlined in the **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan** to increase active transportation trips to daily destinations.
- 5.2 Follow best practices in **protecting, preserving and restoring environmentally sensitive areas and natural habitats** during planning, design, construction and maintenance of active transportation facilities, and provide opportunities for **environmental education**.
- 5.3 Follow best practices in **protecting and preserving significant cultural resources** during planning, design, construction and maintenance of active transportation facilities, and provide opportunities for **heritage education**.