Major Active Transportation Programs and Initiatives

- ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan
- Proposed Safe Streets for All Program
- Transportation Priorities Plan
- $100 million for new facilities and maintenance of existing facilities
ActiveFairfax Project Background

• PROJECT GOALS:
  • Update and streamline Comp Plan guidance on active transportation
  • Provide design guidance on safety/comfort in active transportation
  • Provide policy and program recommendations to support implementation & performance measures
ActiveFairfax Project Background

- Funding received for Phase I in 2019
- Funding received for Phase II in 2021
- Alta Planning + Design and AECOM consultants
- Estimated Project Duration:
  - Phase I: Summer 2020 - Winter 2022
  - Phase II: Winter 2022 – Fall 2023
ActiveFairfax Project Milestones

The Board and the public will have frequent input on the milestones in Phase II
In January 2020, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion to make Fairfax County safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

As part of the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan effort Fairfax County DOT developed draft recommendations for a countywide Safe Streets for All Program, which will become a stand-alone initiative once approved.
Draft Safe Streets for All Program: Board Transp Comm Feedback

- **Draft recommendations** were presented to Board Transportation Committee on June 29, 2021:
  - Suggested additional recommendations:
    - **Branding and communication** strategy
    - **Context-sensitive** approach to street design
    - User-friendly **crash data dashboard**
    - Active transportation facility usage **data collection**
    - Indication of **cost**
  - **Concerns**: VDOT buy-in; cost of new infrastructure; limited available funding
Draft Safe Streets for All Program: Community Engagement

- Community engagement November – December 2021
  - Four small group discussions with Opportunity Neighborhood residents
  - Two public information meetings
  - One round table with community organizations
  - Online feedback

- Received positive feedback and support

- General sense of urgency to address safety concerns
Draft Safe Streets for All Program: Community Feedback

General support for:
  • Lowering speeds
  • Safer intersections and mid-block crossings
  • Better connectivity
  • Prioritization of areas w/ highest need
  • Street lighting
  • Road safety performance measures and targets

Key Concerns:
  • VDOT Buy-In
  • Local and State Policy Changes
  • Cost of Improvements & Availability of Funding
  • Length of Implementation Timeframes
Draft **Safe Streets for All Program: Next Steps**

- Finalize *recommendations*
- Return March 1 with a phased *implementation strategy* to secure the Board’s input
- **Board action** in spring 2022
Feedback requested from the Board:

1. Do the proposed draft Safe Streets for All Program recommendations align with the Boards active transportation safety priorities?

2. Are there additional recommendations the Board would like to include in the program?

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