ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan

Project Update
Transportation Advisory Commission
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Project Background

Existing comprehensive plan recommendations with sometimes differing facility type guidance

- Countywide Trails Plan originally adopted in 1976, last updated in 2018
- Bicycle Master Plan adopted in 2014
- Area Plans contain additional bicycle and pedestrian recommendations









Project Background (cont'd)

- Some facilities and design recommendations are outdated and no longer meet federal and VDOT standards
- Lack of countywide pedestrian specific recommendations
- No specific guidance on active transportation safety and comfort
- Countywide Strategic Plan emphasizes need for active transportation facilities and safety improvements





Key Project Goals

- Reconcile the Bicycle Master Plan, Countywide Trails
 Plan and regional connectivity in Area Plans
- ✓ Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions
- Identify and address missing links in the network and improve access to activity centers, schools, parks and transit
- ✓ Bring the planned regional bicycle and trails network recommendations up to current standards
- Reinforce Active Transportation as a key element to Placemaking
- Provide guidance for context sensitive street design





Key Project Goals (Cont'd)

- Develop an Active Transportation Toolkit that provides context sensitive guidance for the selection of pedestrian and bicycle facilities not included in the regional network
- Provide countywide guidance on pedestrian safety and comfort
- Provide implementation, policy and active transportation program recommendations and guidance
- Engage the community and other stakeholders throughout the Active Transportation plan update
- Develop input and guidance for updating the County's Comprehensive Plan





Consulting Team







Project Schedule





Next Steps

- Public website launching in late October
- Working group on Systematic Safety Action Plan kicking off in October
- Public engagement will begin in November (post election), including
 - Interactive map
 - Survey
 - Virtual public meetings
 - Pop up outreach
 - Targeted outreach (minority and lowincome communities)





Thank you!



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