

County of Fairfax, Virginia

West Falls Church Active Transportation Study Community Information Meeting

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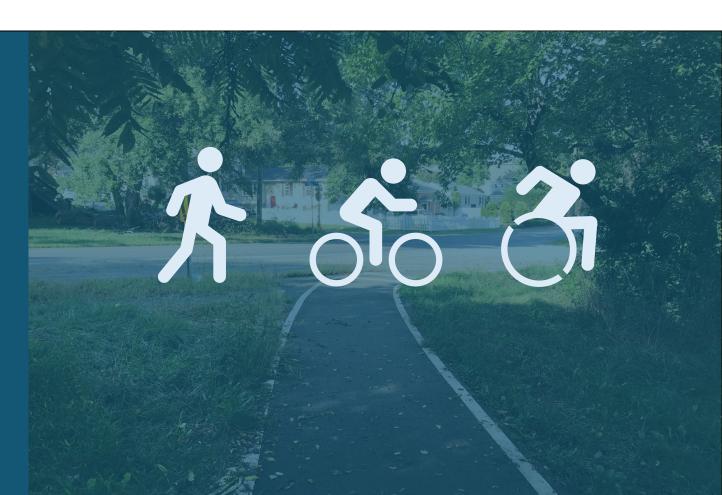
Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Teams Virtual Meeting







- Opening remarks
- Background and purpose for study
- Study area
- Advisory Group and Technical Group
- Study objectives
- Existing conditions and future analysis
- ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan
- Timeline and next steps
- Questions and answers



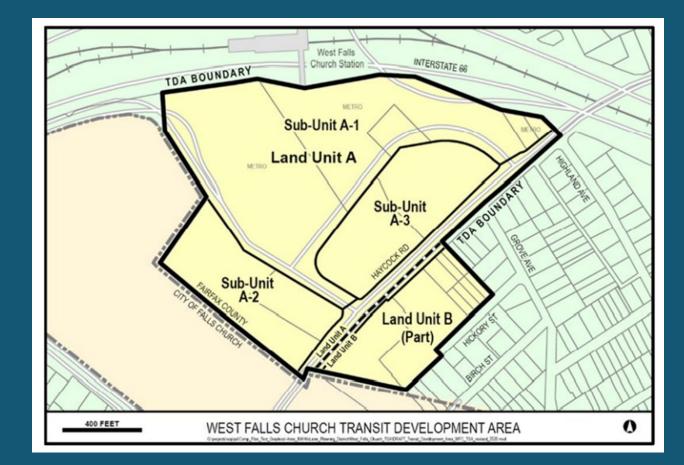




Background: Plan Amendment

West Falls Church Plan Amendment

- Adopted July 2021
- Land Unit A, Sub-Units A-1, A-2
 - A-1 West Falls Church Transit Station
 - A-2 Virginia Tech University
 - Mixed Uses
- Land Unit B, Sub-Unit A-3
 - No Change
- Follow-on Motion for Active Transportation Study



Source: <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/sites/planning-development/files/assets/compplan/area2/mclean.pdf</u>





Background: Development Concepts

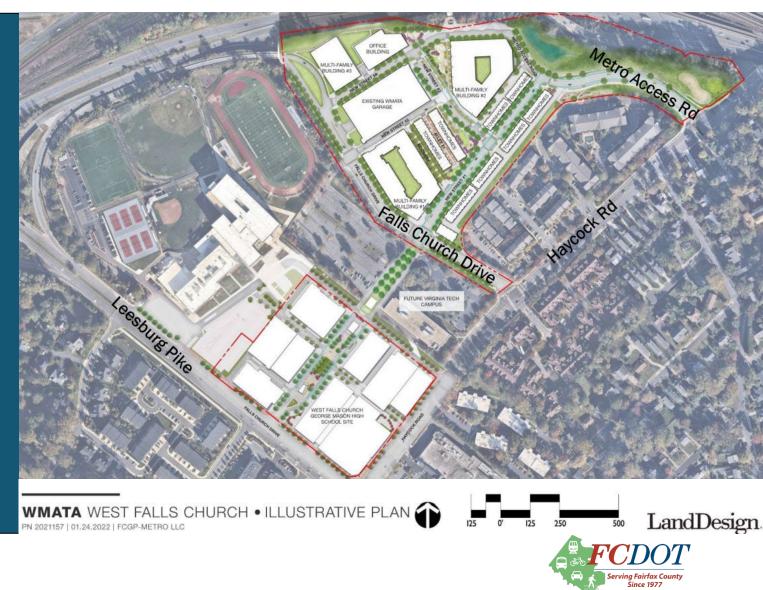
WMATA Development

Next step – rezoning application

West Falls Development Project

Special Exception Site Plan (SESP) for Phase 1 approved

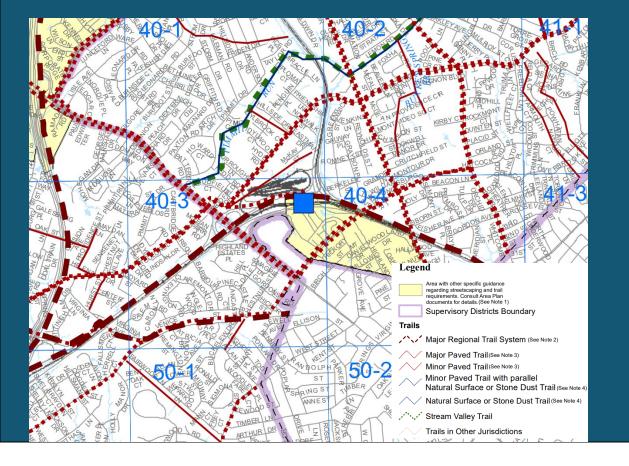
West Falls Development Project | Falls Church, VA - Official Website (fallschurchva.gov)

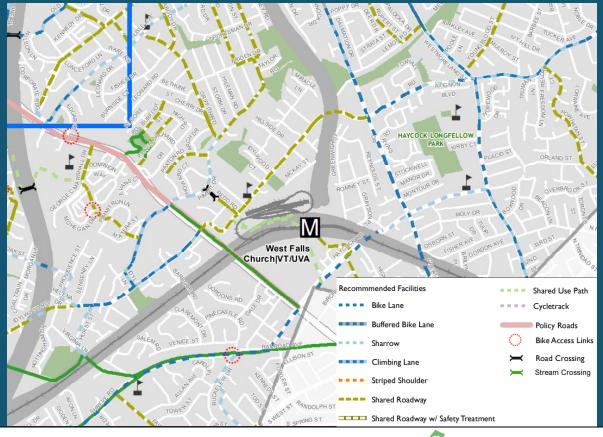




Background: Trails and Bicycle Plans

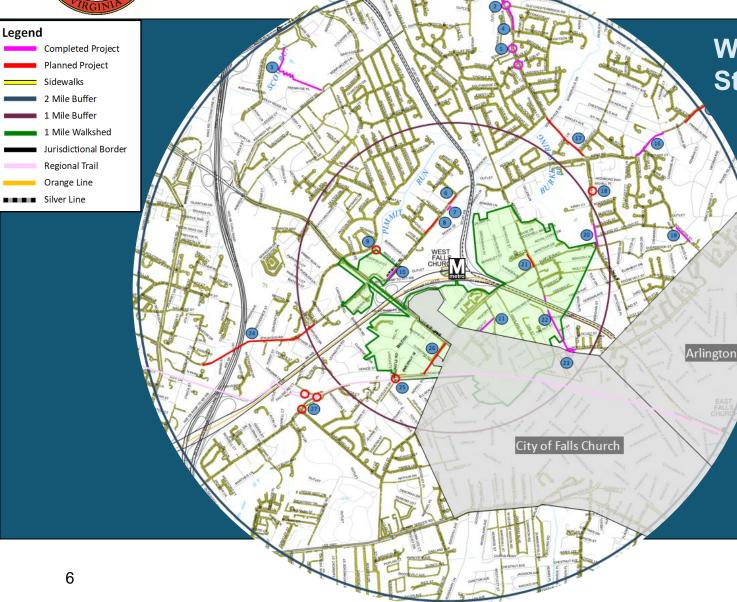
Countywide Trails Plan and Bicycle Master Plan Adopted October 2014











West Falls Church Active Transportation Study Area Map

- Study area center: West Falls Church Metrorail station entrance
- One-mile walkshed: Actual one-mile walking distance from station entrance
- One-mile radius: Pedestrian gapanalysis
- Two-mile radius: Bicycle gap-analysis

View the map with a list of currently planned and recently completed projects here: <u>west falls church ats study area</u> <u>2_3_22.pdf (fairfaxcounty.gov)</u>





Advisory Group

- a) Three representatives each from Dranesville and Providence Districts
- b) Two representatives each from Dranesville and Providence District school PTAs within the study area
- c) McLean Citizens Association (MCA)
- d) Providence District Council (PDC)
- e) Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB)
- f) Fairfax Families for Safer Streets



Technical Group

- a) Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)
- b) Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)
- c) Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
- d) Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks)
- e) Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)
- f) Fairfax County Police
- g) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- h) City of Falls Church
-) Virginia Tech Smart Cities program
-) Disabilities Services Board





Objectives

- Provide multiple opportunities for community input and ensure transparency throughout the process.
- Improve safety, accessibility, and comfort for all active transportation users.
- Increase connectivity between the West Falls Church Metrorail Station, surrounding neighborhoods, and the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail.
- Recommend improvements and set priorities with community assistance.
- Coordinate with the Countywide ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan.
- Prepare planning level cost estimates and identify funding to implement recommendations.
- Inform the rezoning process for developments surrounding the West Falls Church Metrorail Station.







Objectives: Recommend Improvements



Idylwood Road



Haycock Road



Leesburg Pike





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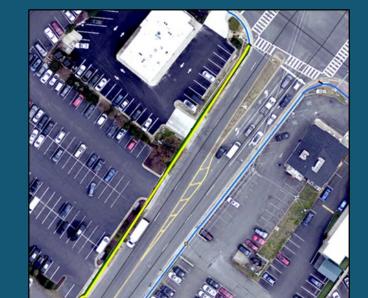
Pedestrian Level of Comfort (PLOC)

- Developed for Montgomery County Planning Department in Fall 2019. (Pedestrian Level of Comfort (mcatlas.org))
- Point-based: ratings based on factors that contribute to or detract from perceived comfort. For example:
 - Posted speed on adjacent roadway
 - Pathway width
 - Buffer width

Level of Comfort

1= Very Comfortable 2= Comfortable 3= Somewhat Comfortable 4= Uncomfortable

5= Very Uncomfortable





Pathway	Posted	Buffer	Parking	Street	PLOC
width	speed	width	lane	trees	
4'	35mph	2'	No	No	Very Uncomfortable

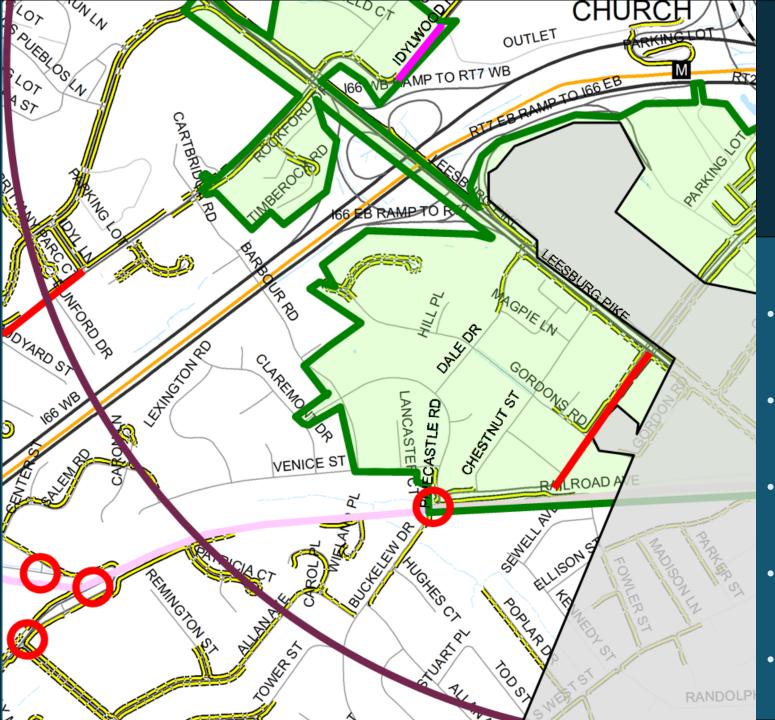






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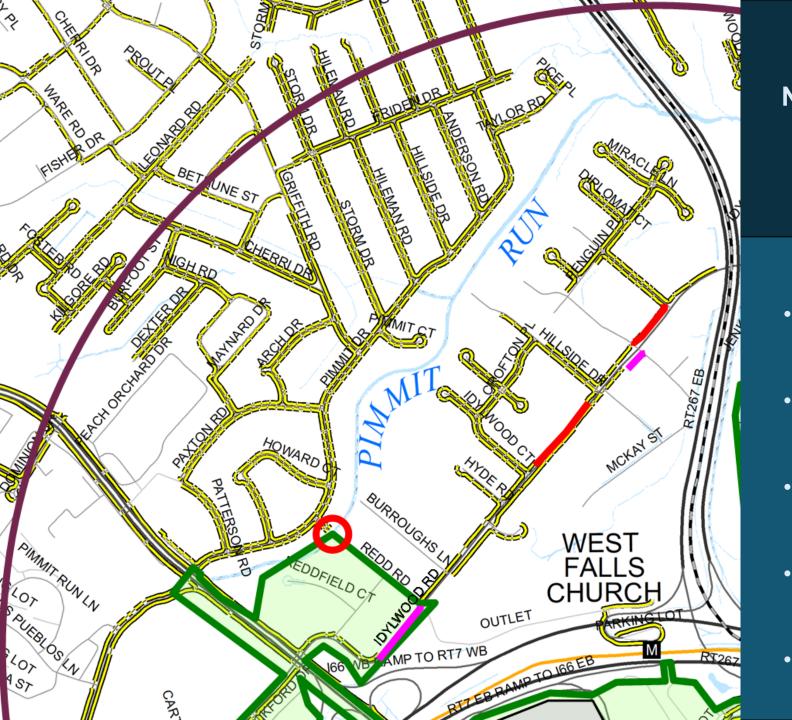
West Falls Church Study Area: One-mile Radius



Southwest Quadrant Southwest Quadrant Sidewalks 1 Mile Buffer 1 Mile Walkshed Jurisdictional Border Regional Trail Orange Line Silver Line

2019 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)

- Leesburg Pike Route 7 (I-66 Falls Church) 30,000 vehicles
- Shreve Road (Buckelew Drive, W&OD Trail - Route 7) 10,000 vehicles
 - Idylwood Road (Gallows Road Route 7) 11,000 vehicles
- Chestnut Street (Route 7 Gordons Road) 990 vehicles
- Barbour Road (Idylwood Road Leighton Drive) 1,400 vehicles



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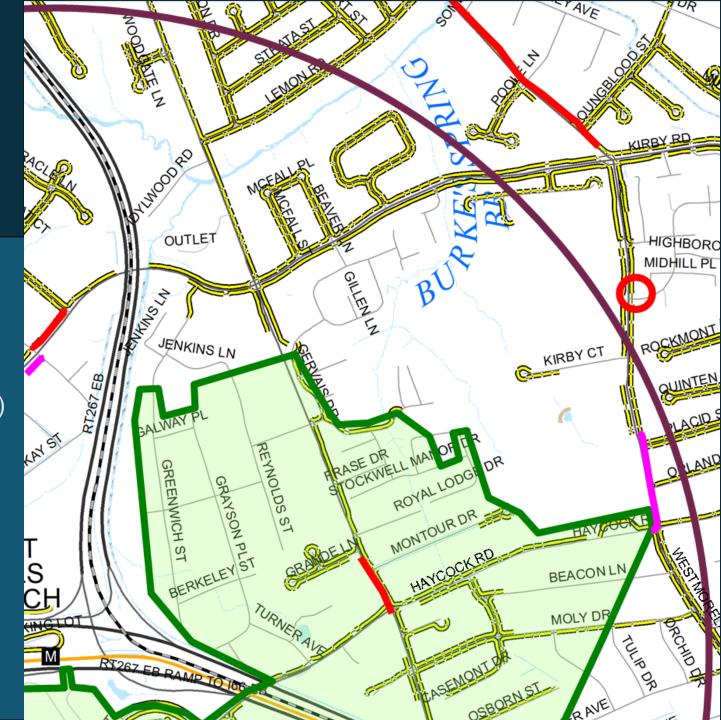
- Leesburg Pike Route 7 (I-66 I-495)
 42,000 vehicles
- Idylwood Road (Route 7 Great Falls Street) 9,400 vehicles
- Pimmit Drive (Idyl Lane Route 7) 5,900 vehicles
- Pimmit Drive (Route 7 Griffith Road) 4,900 vehicles
- Griffith Road (Pimmit Drive Fisher Drive) 1,800 vehicles



Northeast Quadrant

2019 AADT

- Haycock Road (Great Falls Street -Westmoreland) 6,400 vehicles
- Great Falls Street (Kirby Road Haycock Road) 10,000 vehicles
- Kirby Road (Great Falls Street Westmoreland Street) 11,000 vehicles
- Great Falls Street (Lemon Road Kirby Road) 11,000 vehicles
- Westmoreland Street (Kirby Road Haycock Road) 9,000 vehicles

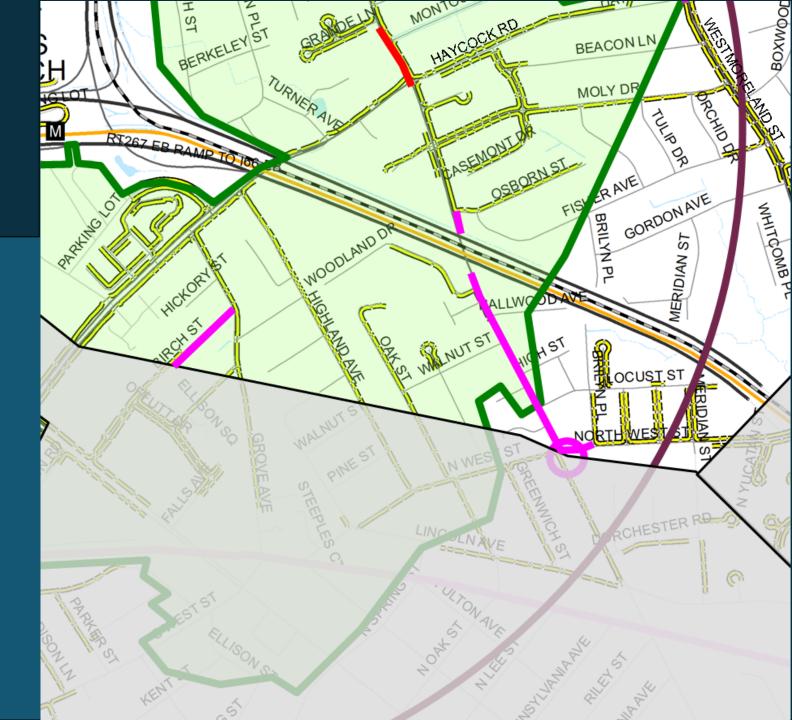




Southeast Quadrant

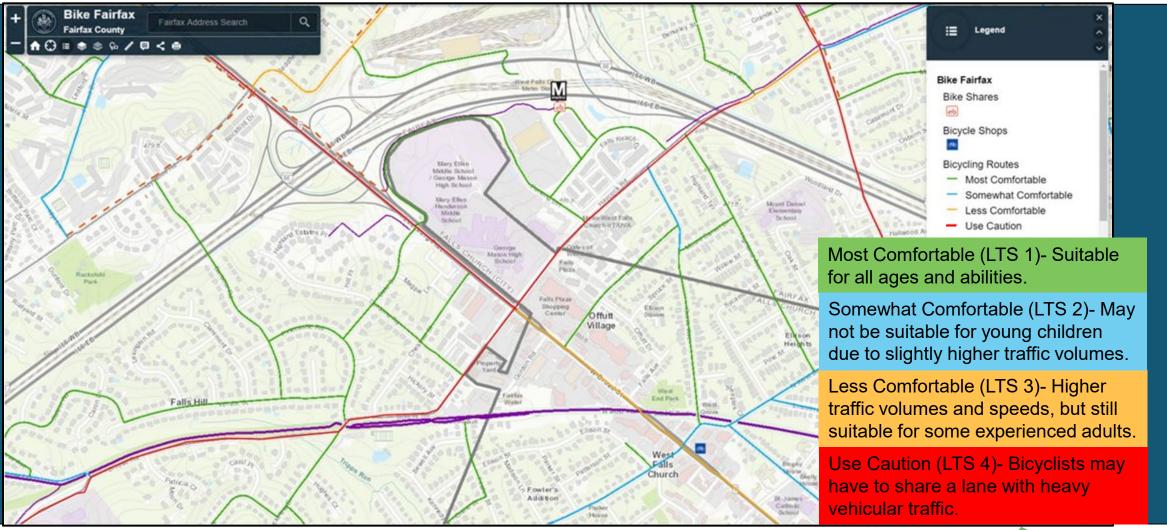
2019 AADT

- Haycock Road (Route 7 Great Falls Street) 12,000 vehicles
- Haycock Road (Great Falls Street Westmoreland Street) 6,400 vehicles
- Great Falls Street (Haycock Road Falls Church) 8,900 vehicles
- Grove Avenue (Haycock Road Birch Street) 2,100 vehicles
- Highland Avenue (Haycock Road Mt Daniel Drive) 1,400 vehicles



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Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS)



https://fairfaxcountygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=8a7ac4884e9c4c9bb37acc69dfb237a4





Link: Barriers to Active Transportation and Destinations Input Map

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

- 1. Zoom into your neighborhood or area of interest.
- 2. Select "Leave a Comment" to get started.
- 3. Fill out the pop-up window with your comment and optional photo.
- 4. Like other comments by clicking the heart button.
- 5. Repeat as many times as you want.

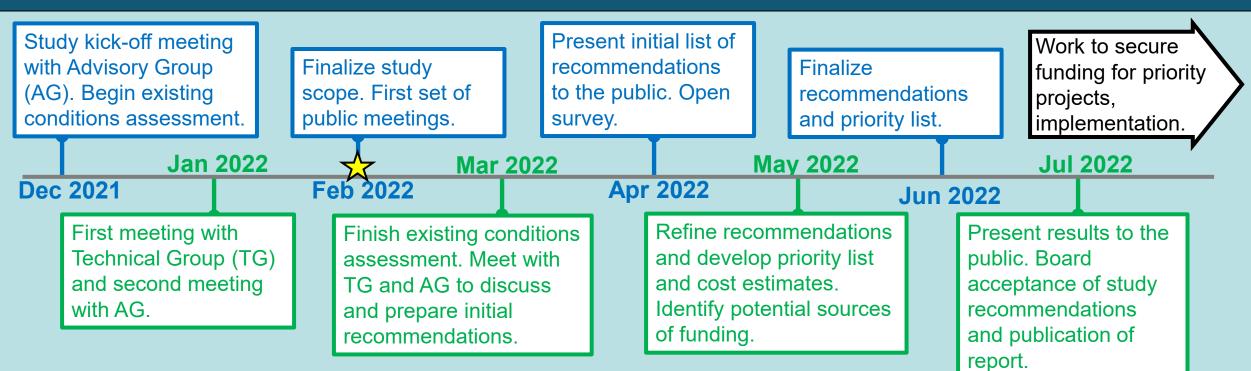
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- Public can submit comments throughout the process
- Coordination with the Advisory Group and Technical Group is ongoing
- Finalize recommendations prior to rezoning of WMATA site





- FCDOT to complete existing conditions analysis
- Develop initial recommendations
 - Technical Group Meeting #2: Week of February 28th
 - Advisory Group Meeting #3: Week of March 7th
- Present initial recommendations
 - Community Meeting #2: Late April / early May
 - Release community survey





Questions?

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https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/west-falls-churchactive-transportation-study

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