

# Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee

## Meeting Notes

### Regular Meeting – 7PM, 10 July 2019

Location:

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,  
Conference Room 4 & 5

Web Site: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/trails>

Note-Taker: Beth Iannetta

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Stiven Foster (Providence), Acting Chair, James Albright (Mason), Beth Iannetta (Fairfax County Park Authority), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon)

**Committee Members Absent:** Ken Comer (At-Large), *Chair*, Bob Cosgriff (Braddock) *Vice-Chair*, Karen Ampeh (Sully), Dan Iglhaut (Northern VA Regional Park Authority), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Shawn Newman (Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling), Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Robert Michie (Lee), Soledad Portilla (Northern VA Builder's Industry Associations), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations), \*vacant\* (Washington Area Bicyclists Association)

**Others in Attendance:** Chris Wells (FCDOT)

The meeting was called to order by Stiven Foster at 7:08 pm. A quorum was not present when the meeting was called to order, therefore no official votes or actions were taken.

### Agenda and Discussion Topics

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Approval of the meeting notes from the June 12, 2019 meeting were deferred given a quorum was not present.

#### **Staff Report**

- The Capital Bikeshare system was expanded into Merrifield on June 21st.
- An expansion of bikeshare in Reston and Providence is also underway.
- Repaving implementation is underway. Information about the status of repaving work can be found [here](#). Information about restriping can be found [here](#).
- Pre-applications were submitted for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside grants for several locations throughout the County. Final applications are due on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The second annual [Bike and Walk to Worship week](#) will take place between August 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- FCDOT is seeking input from the community in naming the bicycle and pedestrian trail along I-66. You can vote [here](#).

#### **Other Business**

*Huntley Meadows:* Jim Klien inquired about the status of the follow-on motion for staff to “immediately” conduct an evaluation of bicycling alternatives in the area around Huntley Meadows. Chris Wells indicated that he needs to follow up with the Board of Supervisors, specifically Supervisor Gross, to determine if the evaluation could be included in the upcoming Countywide Trails Plan update scope of work since funding was appropriated to begin work on the plan update. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

*INOVA Development:* Jim Albright indicated that the transportation recommendation has been drafted for the Merrifield Suburban Center Study (SSPA 2018-I-1MS). Stiven Foster stated that he needs to follow up with Supervisor Smyth on the plan amendment. Chris Wells said he would need to follow up with Transportation Planning staff. The Merrifield Task Force has three more meetings/discussions scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. The take force is scheduled to take a preliminary vote on the proposed plan amendment language on August 13<sup>th</sup> and a final vote is expected on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The staff report is expected to be published on August 21, 2019. The Planning Commission public hearing is currently scheduled for September 11, 2019 with a Board of Supervisors public hearing tentatively scheduled for later that month.

*Colvin Run Bridge Replacement on Hunter Mill Road:* James Albright inquired about an update to the proposed bridge replacement project. Beth Iannetta stated that an update was sent via email to the committee members and staff on June 13<sup>th</sup> and she would send it if anyone did not receive it.

*I-495 Extension of the HOT Lanes (I-495 NEXT):* Chris Wells stated that the project design team has submitted a preliminary pedestrian/bicycle plan to FCDOT, which he forwarded to Beth Iannetta with Park Authority staff. She indicated that there are several recommendations that should be requested regarding trail connectivity. Committee members wanted to continue to be updated as the design moves forward.

*Request for Standing Items for Update:* Jim Klein requested that reoccurring update requests be added to the Agenda as standing items. Topics like Huntley Meadows trail alternatives, I-495 NEXT, Countywide Trails Plan update, etc. would be examples that committee members have inquired about at various meetings.

## **Presentations**

- [Status of Transportation Priorities Plan Update](#) – FCDOT staff shared the presentation that was made to the Board of Supervisors’(BOS) Transportation Committee on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The handout/presentation can be found on the “2019 Board of Supervisors Meetings & Committee Meetings” webpage or by clicking the presentation title above. FCDOT staff summarized the presentation information including the background and history of past spending plans and Spring 2018 WMATA funding obligations adopted by the General Assembly. In summary, the current transportation funding proposal will have no new funding for new projects until FY2025 and project schedules for projects already underway may need to be adjusted/delayed. The presentation listed projects that are recommended to be postponed beyond FY2025, existing projects that will remain fully funded, existing projects that will be partial funded and projects that are recommended to be cancelled. Next steps include feedback from BOS members on recommended revisions to the proposed funding plan followed by formal approval by the BOS. Committee members in attendance asked some clarifying questions regarding the presentation.
- [Regulation of Electric Scooter Companies in Fairfax County](#) - FCDOT staff shared the presentation that was made to the Board of Supervisors’ (BOS) Transportation Committee on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The handout/presentation can be found on the “2019 Board of Supervisors Meetings & Committee Meetings” webpage or by clicking the presentation title above. FCDOT staff summarized the presentation including the positives and negatives of electric scooters (e-scooters) and the regulation that was passed by the General Assembly (HB 2752). The legislation prohibits the operation above 20 mph, makes the operation requirements consistent in terms of operating on sidewalks, on roadways, prohibition from the interstate system and the use of hand signals by the operator and the inclusion of lights on the device. Also, HB 2752 authorizes localities to regulate the operation of companies providing motorized scooters or skateboards for hire. Localities have until January 1, 2020 to implement such regulations if they choose, otherwise the companies can operate as they see fit. County staff has been reviewing other local ordinances and operating standards and principles for consideration by the BOS. Next steps include drafting proposed ordinance provisions for review, public comment and ultimately approval. The draft ordinance provision will be available for public

comment at the upcoming Consumer Protection Commission meeting on September 17, 2019. The BOS will be authorizing a public hearing in the Fall with a public hearing tentatively expected in December 2019.

### **Announcements and Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.