

Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee Minutes of the 10 January 2018 Meeting

Members Present

Ken Comer, Chair (At-Large), Bob Cosgriff (Braddock District), Wade Smith (Dranesville District), Tom McFarland (FC Park Authority), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builders Industry Association), Chester Freedenthal (Fairfax Area Disabilities Board), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association)

Fairfax County Staff Present

Chris Wells (Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager)

Call to Order

Committee Chair Ken Comer called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for the 13 December 2017 were approved as amended.

New Business

Bob Cosgriff was appointed Vice Chair of the committee.

Staff Reports

New committee charter

Expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the second February board meeting date.

Update to Fairfax County Transportation Priorities Plan

Meeting of staff with Board of Supervisor members about the recommended list of new projects will be completed within two weeks.

List will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee. Then the list will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

VDOT repaving list for summer 2018

VDOT is in the final stages of selecting repaving projects in Fairfax County for the summer of 2018.. County staff is working with VDOT to identify where bike lanes can be stripped when the repaved roadways are restriped.

A new approach is being considered by County staff. It may be possible to stripe parking lanes when a roadway segment is not wide enough to add bike lanes.

Bike lane meetings will be held in 2018 by supervisor district instead of a meeting for each individual stripping project. VDOT personnel will be present this year to be able to answer non-bike lane questions that arise at the meetings. All meeting are expected to be held between the end of February and the end of March. Decisions on bike-lane projects must be made by May.

Current Business

Committee appointments

Will be made at the February Board of Supervisors meeting.

I-66 trail outside the Beltway

2018 is critical to the project because the project design will be finalized. Design has not yet started. The project team is still considering the height of the barrier that will separate the trail from the roadway where the trail is next to the roadway. There is also still analysis of where the trail can be placed on the outside of the sound wall in some places.

Old Business

Future presentations to the committee

There was a discussion of possible presentations to the committee in the future that would be of interest. Suggestions included self-driving cars, a tutorial on funding sources for pedestrian and bicycle projects, 2017 pedestrian and bicycle accidents, bicycles at signalized intersections, the Fairfax County U.S. Route 1 project, and the future of the Cross-County Trail.

Committee web site

The new Fairfax County web site is now active. Staff will update the information on the Trails and Sidewalks Committee pages.

Volunteer trail maintenance

Progress on this issue will need to wait until staffing is complete to support the Trails and Sidewalks Committee.

Vacant staff positions

Vacant staff positions will be advertised on 13 January 2018.