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Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting – June 13, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Location:

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035,
Conference Room 8

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

Note-Taker: Jim Klein

Committee Members in Attendance: Representative At-Large and Chair Ken Comer, Jeff Anderson (Hunter Mill), Jim Klein (Mount Vernon), Wade H. B. Smith (Dranesville), Stiven Foster (Providence), Karl Liebert (Springfield), Robert Cosgriff (Braddock), Karen Ampeh (Sully), Chris Maimone (Washington Area Bicyclist Association), Tom McFarland (Fairfax County Park Authority), Anne Mader (Fairfax County Alliance for Better Bicycling – pending approval of charter)

Committee Members Absent: Robert W. Michie (Lee), Soledad Portilla (Northern Virginia Builder's Industry Association), Chester Freedenthal (Fairfax Area Disability Services Board), Mark Tipton (Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations), Katie McDaniel (Clifton Horse Society), Dan Iglhaut (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority), Mason District (no representative appointed),

Others in Attendance: Nicole Wyands (FCDOT), Mackenzie Jarvis (FCDOT)

The meeting was called to order by Representative At-Large and Chairman Ken Comer at 7:10 p.m.

Agenda and Discussion Topics

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for March 2018 and May 2018 and were adopted accordingly.

Comment & Feedback on Previous Meeting's Presentations



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Presentation:

Nicole Wynands presented the 2018 Bicycle Program Highlights. Points of discussion included:

- Discussion of who is served – emphasis on the 50% of the population that is either “interested” or “confident” and facilities designed for all ages and abilities
- Discussion of the five E’s of Biking – “encouragement”
 - Show places that are interesting to visit and accessible by bicycle
 - Getting out of your neighborhood /improve regular riding
 - 6-8 mile loop rides are ideal with a reason to participate
 - Use public art/placemaking to increase interest
 - Build up more wayfinding (beyond signs to metro)
 - Earth day green loop through “Tysons Green” (45 minutes 4-5 miles)
 - Bike to markets/bike to worship
- Question about other types of encouragement
 - Bike share system expanding to increase access to bicycling
 - E-bikes increase access to seniors and others with less mobility – pilot study underway of 100 e-bikes (black, docked) regionally
 - Video outreach to introduce new infrastructure (beyond the ribbon cutting)
- Engineering
 - Pre-scoping efforts (e.g. Rt. 50 corridor from Prosperity Road to City of Fairfax)
 - Repaving – less money means fewer lane miles this year
 - Wayfinding – example of Sully Tour signs with logo to identify route
- Bikeshare expansion – time consuming for staff requiring regional coordination, sponsorship discussions, etc.
- Bike storage will be taken up by new staff when hired
- Discussion of bike safety – how are the brochures/materials distributed? DMVs? Suggestion to connect with driver education curriculum, but help needed to find right person/people to get that started. Suggestion about the back of buses as most available spot when not used for advertising
- Noted FCDOT now has use of facebook, twitter, but needs to build up interest/audience
- Discussion of Bicycle Ridership Demand Model – FCDOT model developed to measure how many people, under ideal conditions, would use a facility. Scaled to the corridor, model uses available data to generate potential demand
- Discussion of Coordination – any reason why Police were left off on partners slide. Suggestion that police be more involved in bike/ped safety (example of police participation in similar Arlington/Alexandria bike/ped committees); need better way to record accident data not typically recorded as police report
- Chris Maimone offered to follow up with WABA form used to record bicycle accident data



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Other Business

Staffing

Mackenzie Jarvis introduced as new staff to FCDOT bike/ped program – updating web page with current notes, appointments. April notes posted, March and May to be posted as approved. Ped program manager position being finalized, hire anticipated very soon. Nicole promoted to bicycle program manager. Additional Planner II position to be filled for a total of six positions.

Nicole reported that Chris anticipates submitting the updated committee charter to the BOS for the meeting on July 31st.

Update on Transportation Priorities Plan

Ken asked for a specific report on the resulting budget.

Carryover Funds

requesting funding for Bike/Ped combined plan update. If funded would go out for RFP soon and get started in 2019.

Other studies/program efforts

finalizing Columbia Pike draft to go out for public comment, Bike to Market; Bike to Worship outreach efforts.

I-66 Trail

Update on options for Fairfax County Parkway/West Ox Road route (tradeoff between tree impact on private land versus wetland impact)

Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program

use structure of “Volunteer Fairfax” to adopt a trail (beyond just litter to include sweeping, pruning, etc.)

E-Bikes on Park Trails

Tom McFarland (FCPA) reported that FCPA policy would go before Commission in June. Noted that policy will allow Type 1 and 2, but not allow Type 3 and modified. FCPA decided against speed limit signing (infeasible to manage).

FCDOT participation in regional study

black type 1 e-bikes distributed proportional to bike share stations by jurisdiction (100 bikes regionally), probably about 4 in Fairfax.



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Planning for future meetings

The Committee discussed the following options for potential meeting agenda topics:

- Huntley Meadows presentation/discussion on removal of planned trail from bicycle master plan
- VDOT on Richmond Highway/Rt1 project in July
- Chester Freedenthal (last month) suggested having a presentation on how to report sidewalk maintenance, repair and accessibility issues.
- Suggestion to have presentation/discussion on FCDOT bicycle demand model
- Suggestion to expand the discussion of police reporting (or lack thereof) for bicycle crashes of all types that typically do not get reported

Announcements and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Upcoming Events/Other Meetings:

- 495 Pedestrian Bridge – June 14, 2018 at Marshall High School
- Braddock Corridor Bridge/Tunnel Public Meeting – June 20, 2018 at Kings Park Library
- Franconia Road/Westchester Road Median/Pedestrian Crossing – June 27, 2018 at Franconia Governmental Center

Upcoming Trails, Sidewalks and Bikeways Committee Meetings (all meetings to be held in the Government Center Conference Room 8 at 7:00 p.m.):

- July 11, 2018
- August 8, 2018
- September 12, 2018
- October 10, 2018
- November 11, 2018
- December 12, 2018