



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee
FROM: Michael Farrell, TPB Senior Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Updated National Capital Regional Trail Network
DATE: January 3, 2024

This memo will present the status updates and changes proposed for the National Capital Trail Network, one of the TPB initiatives of Visualize 2045.

BACKGROUND

The TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the draft National Capital Trail Network at its November 3 meeting.

CHANGES SINCE THE NOVEMBER 3 MEETING

Staff have made changes to the National Capital Trail Network based on additional updates and corrections from TPB member jurisdictions, eliminated some duplicate projects, and produced revised completed and planned mileage totals. TPB GIS staff have created a web page for the new National Capital Trail Network.

STATUS

TPB staff have worked with the jurisdictions and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to produce a revised National Capital Trail Network. Comments received through December 5, 2023 are reflected in the updated map.

The draft map and web page may be viewed at the [National Capital Trail Network web page](#).

PROGRESS

83 miles of the National Capital Trail Network have been completed since July 2020, a rate of approximately 27 miles per year. This estimate is based on projects that transitioned from planned to existing from 2020 to 2023, as identified by jurisdiction staff.

The share of Existing miles in the network grew from 45% in 2020 to 49% in 2023, while the share of Planned miles fell from 55% to 51%. In addition, projects were added to the network, increasing the total network mileage to 1,549 miles, an increase of 127 miles compared to 1,422 miles in the 2020 network.

NEXT STEPS

The new National Capital Trail Network map will be presented to the TPB for information and approval, likely in January and February of 2024.

We propose that the network map be updated again in 2024, in tandem with Visualize 2050, and thereafter every two years.

The larger Bicycle and Pedestrian Project database in Project Infotrak will also be updated in 2024, including the mapping and information on which projects are part of the NCTN.