



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** TPB Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Michael Farrell, TPB Senior Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Status of the National Capital Trail Network  
**DATE:** April 24, 2020

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This memo will provide a status report on the National Capital Trail, one of the TPB initiatives of Visualize 2045.

### BACKGROUND

The TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the project to expand the National Capital Trail into a regional trails plan at its February 7 meeting. The history of the project was reviewed and a draft map of the proposed National Capital Trail Network was presented.

The TPB Technical Committee suggested some changes to the network in Loudoun and Montgomery Counties. Montgomery County has a recently completed bicycle plan which the February draft map did not reflect, while Loudoun has numerous planned facilities that were not reflected in the draft map due to necessary data that were still in the process of being obtained at that time. Subsequent to the meeting, staff reached out to these jurisdictions and to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to obtain any necessary updated data, while remaining within a time frame allowing completion of the National Capital Trail map by June as planned.

### STATUS

Staff has obtained the necessary project data and GIS layers to map and determine project eligibility in Loudoun and Montgomery Counties. Projects are currently being reviewed for eligibility and density, and, with input from agency staff, selected for inclusion in the National Capital Trail network.

### NEXT STEPS

The new draft map will be developed in early-to-mid-May, and presented to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee at their May 19 meeting. Presentation to the TPB Technical Committee and TPB is anticipated in June.

After adoption by the TPB, it is anticipated that the network map will be updated annually.