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Agenda

- Project Overview
- Public Engagement Summary
- Safe Streets for All Program Recommendations
- ActiveFairfax Phase II - Next Steps
- Questions/Discussion





Project Overview





Active Transportation: Definition

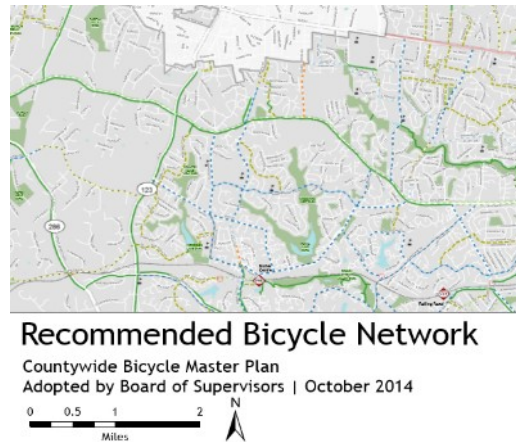
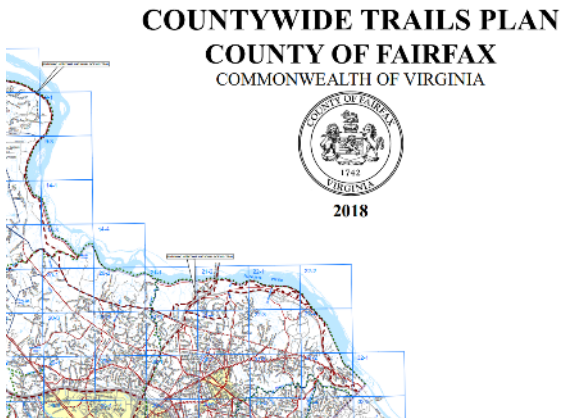
Active transportation is mostly non-motorized travel including walking, biking, hiking, and riding a scooter or horse for transportation or recreational purposes.





Current Active Transportation Plans

- Countywide Trails Plan
- Bicycle Master Plan
- Special Area Plans (Activity Centers)



FAIRFAX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2017 Edition
Lincolnia Planning District, Amended through 7-16-2019
Lincolnia Community Business Center

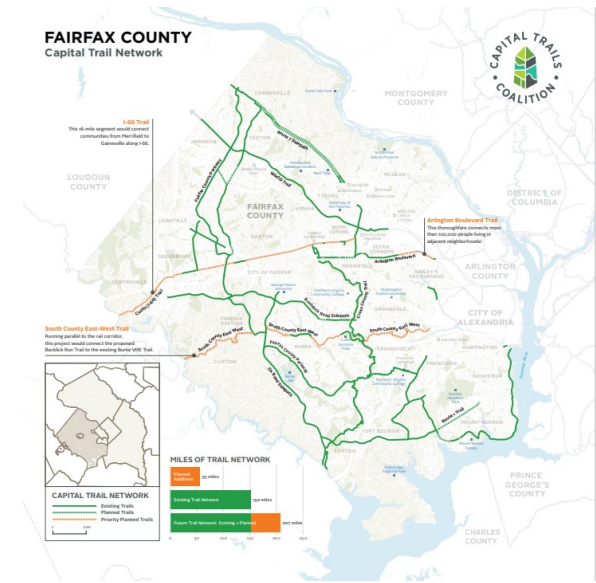
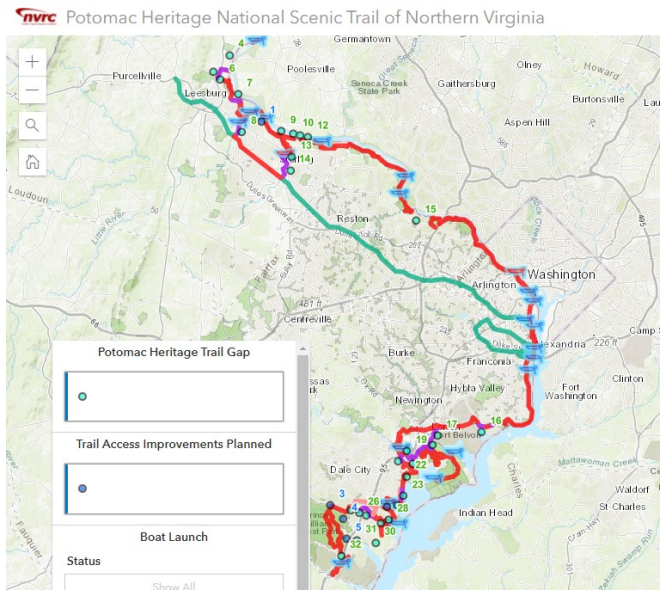
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Regional Trail Networks

Some existing and planned trails in Fairfax County are dedicated regional trails



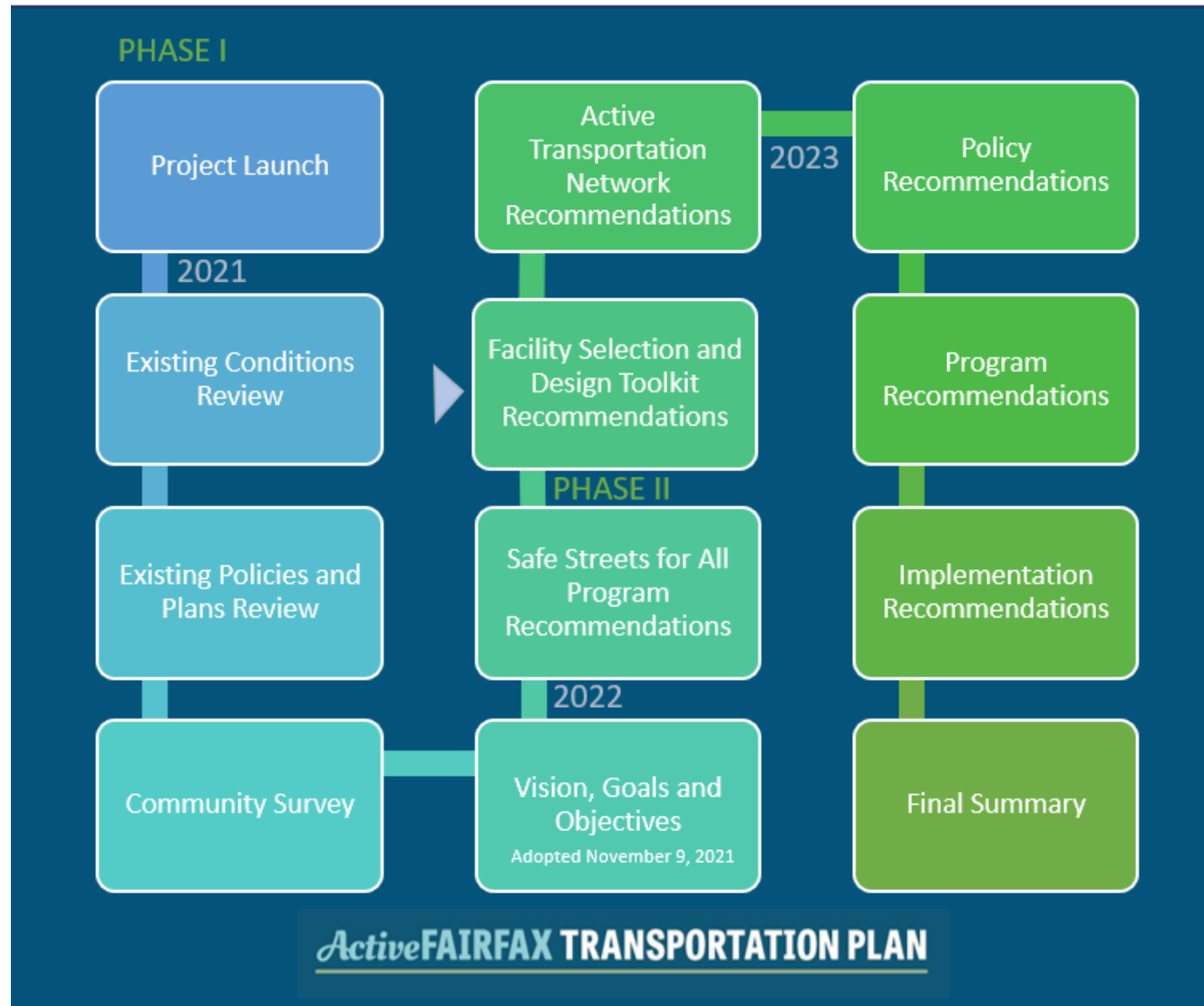


ActiveFairfax Project Priorities

1. Plan a connected and comfortable **countywide network** of active transportation facilities that serve people of all ages and abilities
2. Develop **facility selection and design guidelines** for active transportation facilities
3. Develop strategies to **complete streets** with trees and lighting, and ensure year-round **usability of facilities**
4. Recommend **changes to local and state laws** that could help make walking and biking safer and more comfortable
5. Recommend programs and initiatives to **encourage people to use active transportation for trips** and to do so safely
6. Develop a methodology to **prioritize project improvements** and identify key gaps in the network



Project Overview





Public Engagement Summary





Public Engagement



1,400+

virtual **community surveys** received



1,150+

comments on virtual **Barrier + Destination Feedback Map**



450+

comments on virtual **Planned Trail + Bikeway Network + Complete Streets Map**



12

virtual **community conversations**



1,150+

Paper survey and feedback maps distributed at government centers, community centers and RECenters



2,000+

pre-stamped paper surveys in 8 languages distributed at food distribution sites



Community Engagement Summary

Survey Key Themes

- Main reasons for active travel are for exercise, fun, spending time outdoors and to get to a destination
- Primary destinations are parks, trails, and businesses/services (other than work)
- Desire for more safe crosswalks, connected and well-maintained sidewalks and trails, comfortable bikeways, slower roads, street trees, lighting and more destinations in walking distance
- Spacious sidewalks/trails is the highest priority and on-street parking is the lowest

Interactive Map Results



Barrier + Destination Feedback Map Input

274	Destinations
328	Barriers to Biking
445	Barriers to Walking
48	Barriers to Transit Access
78	Barriers to Trail Access



Planned Trail + Bikeway Network + Complete Streets Map Input

77	New complete street improvement
31	New On-street Bikeway
102	New soft surface/hiking trail
272	New hard surface/hiking trail

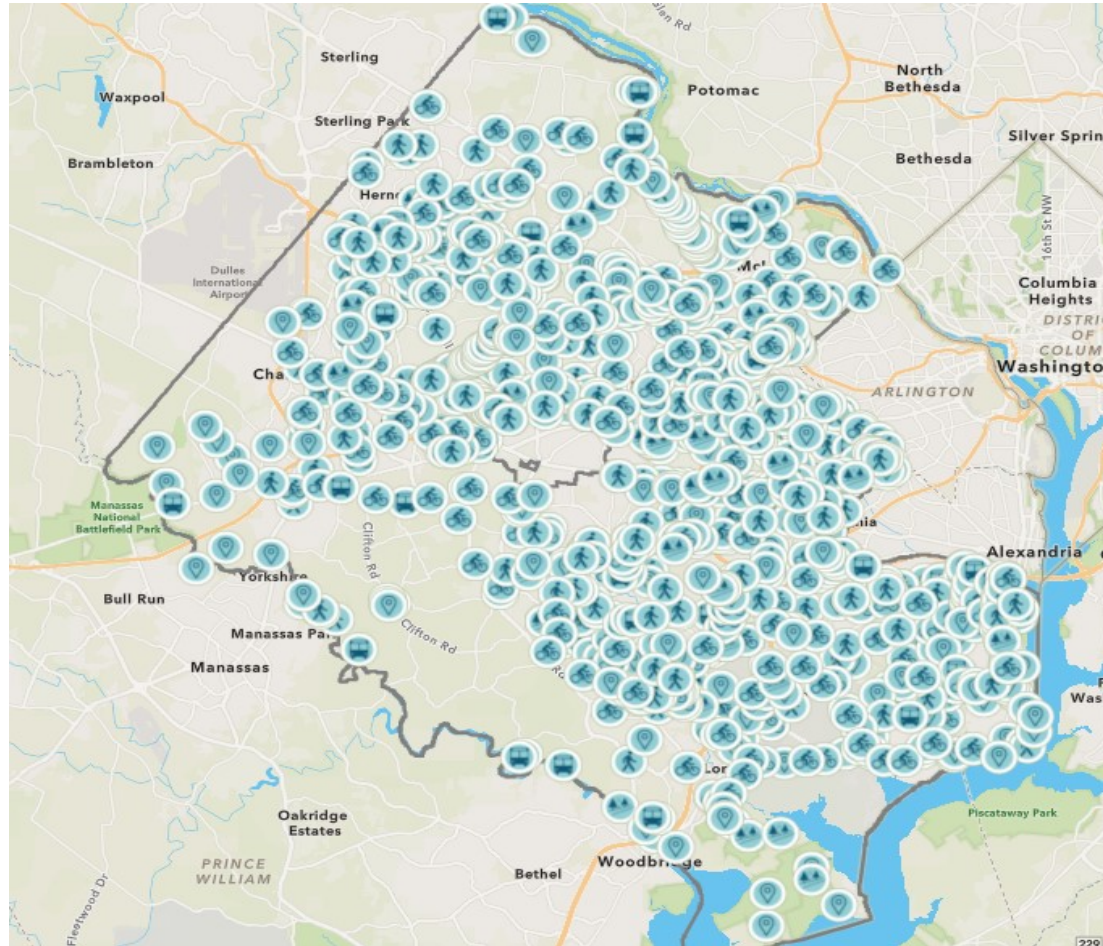


Public Feedback

Lighting Plazas Crossings
Sidewalks Transit Education
More E-mobility Share Options Traffic Calming
Parks **Connectivity** Places to Rest
Enforcement Trails Bike Parking
Bike Lanes Safety Trees
Wayfinding

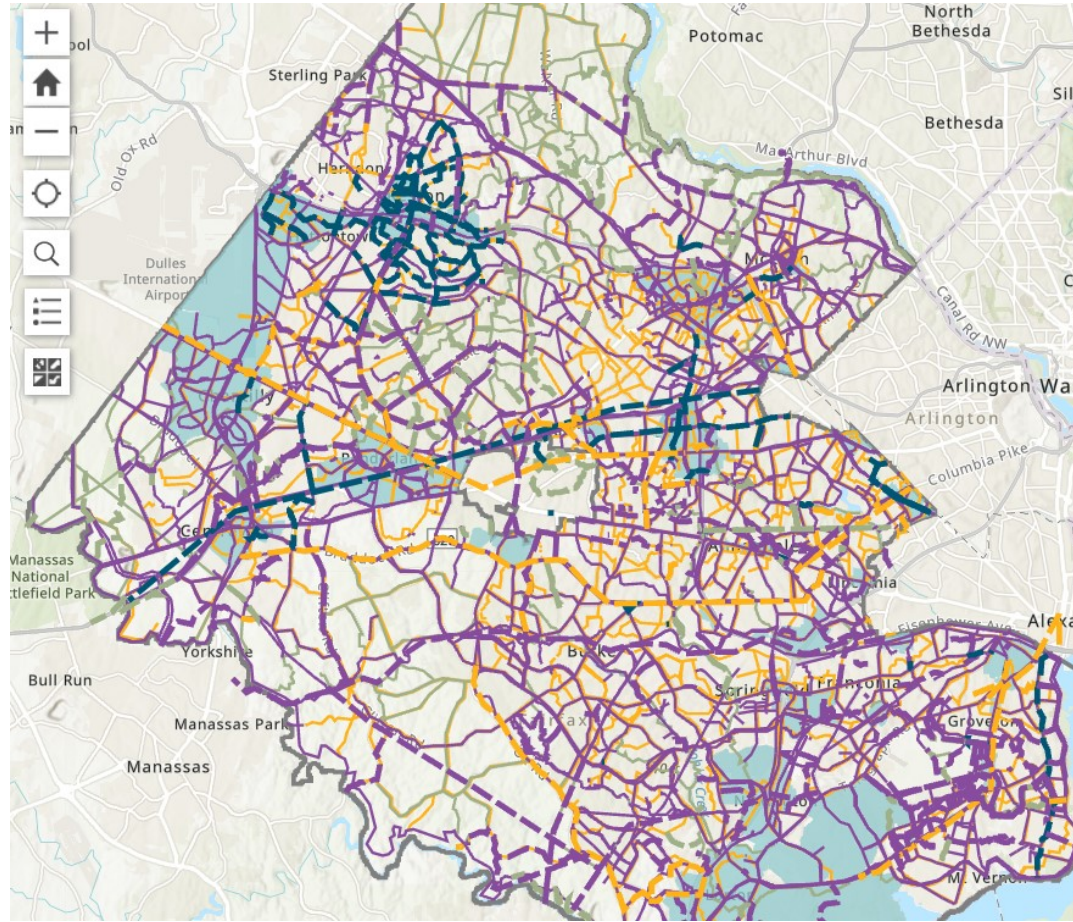


Barriers to Active Transportation Interactive Map





Planned Active Transportation & Complete Streets Network Interactive Map





Safe Streets for All Program Recommendations





Proposed Program Framework

1. Policy & Planning
2. Street Design & Traffic Engineering
3. Equity & Social Justice
4. Education & Traffic Safety Culture
5. Funding & Implementation
6. Monitoring & Evaluation





Next Steps Following Program Recommendations





Key Strategies: Ongoing

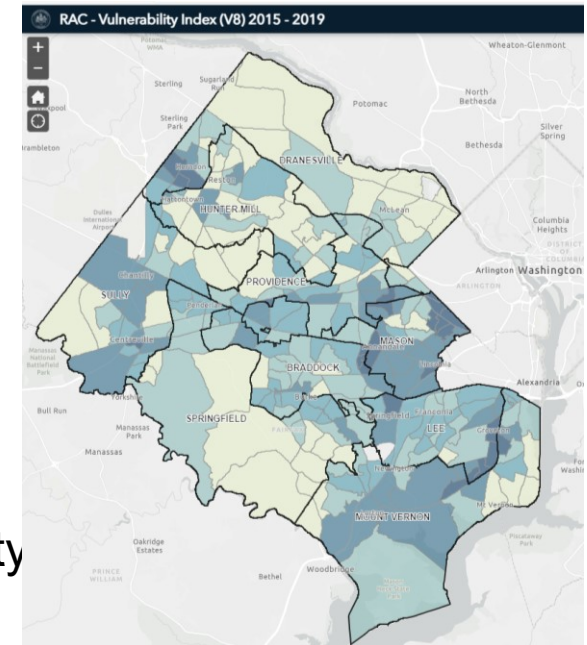
- **Reduce conflicts** and prioritize active transportation safety through design. (*Design*)
- Implement planned **active transportation facilities** and streetscapes. (*Design*)
- Develop and implement a **communications strategy** for the Safe Streets for All program. (*Education*)
- **Safety campaigns** (*Education*)





Key Strategies: Immediate Next Steps

- Develop a **Safe Streets for All Policy** (*Policy*)
- Recommend **priority revisions** for state and local policies and transportation plans (*Policy*)
- Include an **active transportation expert** on the consultant team of every transportation project. (*Implementation*)
- Prioritize active transportation capital projects and maintenance with the Board on **high-risk corridors, in high-need areas and near destinations**. (*Implementation, Equity*)
- **Host trainings** for County and VDOT staff on safety best practices (*Education*)
- Systematically **report on safety** and collect public safety concerns (*Monitoring*)





Key Strategies: Proposed Position & Program Funding

- Establish a Safe Streets for All Program in FY 2024:
 - Safe Streets for All Program Manager staff position (*Implementation*)
 - Safe Streets for All Program funding for interim improvements, studies, educational campaigns, etc. (*Implementation*)





Key Strategies: Safe Streets for All Program Manager Priorities

- Countywide **Complete Streets Policy and Design Guide** and improved road design standards with VDOT buy-in (*Policy, Design*)
- **Reduce vehicle speeds** with a multi-pronged approach (*Policy, Design, Education*)
- Establish an **interdisciplinary Safe Streets for All Task Force** (*Implementation*)
- Expedite implementation of **small safety improvements** (*Implementation, Design*)





Key Strategies: Safe Streets for All Program Manager Priorities

- Improve active transportation **safety to parks, schools and activity centers** (*Policy, Design*)
- Conduct **walk and bicycle audits** with communities to identify safety concerns (*Equity*)
- **Build-out** the active transportation network (*Implementation*)
- **Maintain** the active transportation network **prioritizing safety and usability** (*Implementation*)
- Countywide **lighting plan** in partnership with DPWES (*Policy*)





ActiveFairfax Phase II – Next Steps





ActiveFairfax Phase II - Next Steps

- Update Bicycle Parking Guidelines
- Develop community engagement plan
- Develop Active Transportation Facility Selection & Design Toolkit
- Develop draft countywide network of paved and natural surface trails, bikeways and neighborhood streets





Thank You! Questions?

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