

FY 2025-2026 VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

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Overview

- TAP Background
- TPB TAP Selection Process
- Virginia: Schedule + Project Recommendations

TA Set Aside Background

- **PURPOSE:** A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- **FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION**
 - MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
 - FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside”
 - IIJA (2021) – Increased funding
- **TPB ROLE:** Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds

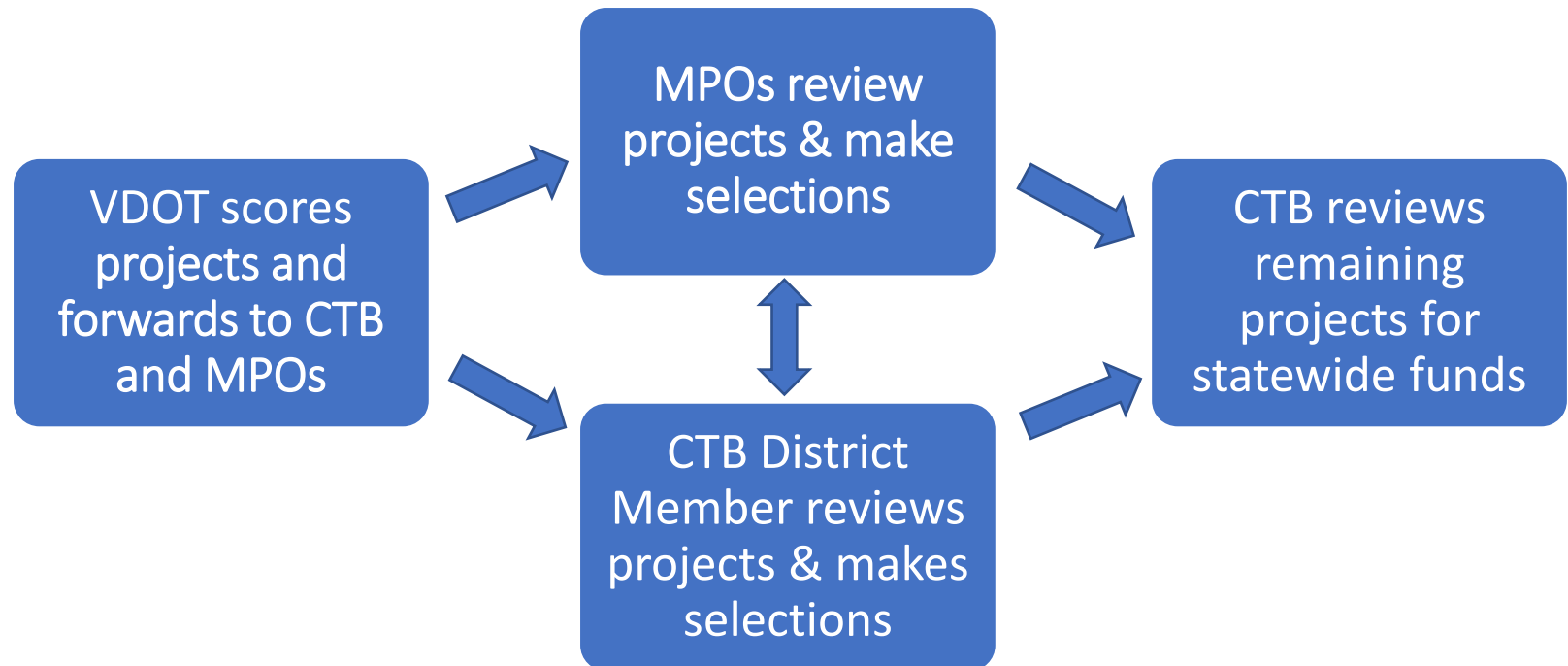


Virginia: FY 2025-26 Schedule

- June 30, 2023 Pre-application deadline
- October 3 Application deadline
- Nov-Jan VDOT reviewed and scored applications scores
- Jan-Feb 2024 TPB Selection Panel reviewed and scored applications
- Jan-Feb TPB staff coordinated with CTB Member Mary Hynes
- March 1 Panel recommendations announced
- March 20 TPB action

Virginia Project Selection

- VDOT's Local Assistance Division oversees project solicitation & admin
- FY 2025-2026 project solicitation: May 2023 – October 2023
- Funds are split into three pots: CTB Districts, Large MPOs, & CTB statewide



TPB Selection Process

- Selection Panel included staff from DDOT, MDOT, and the TPB. Staff from VDOT served as a technical resource
- Panel members individually scored projects



- The selection panel used the average scores as a basis for discussion. However, the final recommendations were based on consensus.

Regional Policies Criteria

- Expanding Multimodal Transportation Options for Non-Drivers
- Supporting Regional Activity Centers
- Completing the National Capital Trail Network
- Access to High-Capacity Transit
- Increased Access in Equity Emphasis Areas
- Safe Routes to School
- Increased Access for People with Disabilities

FY 2025-26 Project Recommendations

- 24 applications were received representing a total funding request of \$38,866,422.
- Total funding for TPB and CTB District Member is \$23,600,000
 - TPB suballocation: \$19,500,00
 - CTB Member Mary Hynes' suballocation: \$4,100,000
- TPB Selection panel and Ms. Hynes are jointly recommending funding 15 projects for a total of \$22,277,921.
- We are still determining recommendations for the use of the remaining surplus.

Project Recommendations

Applicant	Title	Funding Recommendation
Alexandria	Safe Routes to School Curb Extensions	\$1,870,935
Fairfax Co	Shrevewood ES SRTS	\$1,140,000
Fairfax Co	FCPS Non-Infrastructure SRTS Program	\$276,000
Manassas Park	Manassas Drive Sidewalk Improvements	\$1,378,251
Prince William Co	Graham Park Road Sidewalk	\$2,500,000
Fairfax City	Fern Street Neighborhood Connection	\$285,119
Fairfax City	Chain Bridge Road Shared Use Path	\$2,098,314
Fairfax Co	Lake Braddock SRTS	\$356,425
Purcellville	G Street Sidewalk Improvements	\$1,485,487
Fairfax Co	Bush Hill ES SRTS	\$700,000
Herndon	Central Elden Walkability Improvements	\$2,500,000
Prince William Co	Colchester Road Sidewalk	\$2,500,000
Lovettsville Town	N Berlin Pike Shared Use Path	\$2,500,000
Prince William Co	Lions Field Road Sidewalk	\$2,500,000
Lovettsville	East Broad Way Sidewalk	\$187,390
		\$22,277,921



Graham Park Road Sidewalk

- \$2,500,000 – Prince William County
- Constructs a 1,624-foot sidewalk gap including crosswalks and ADA curb ramps along the front of Graham Park Middle School
- Serves students walking to and from school and residents of garden apartments across the street in an Equity Emphasis Area
- Supports and implements the sidewalk portion of the Graham Park Road Diet, an RRSP study funded by the TPB in 2021



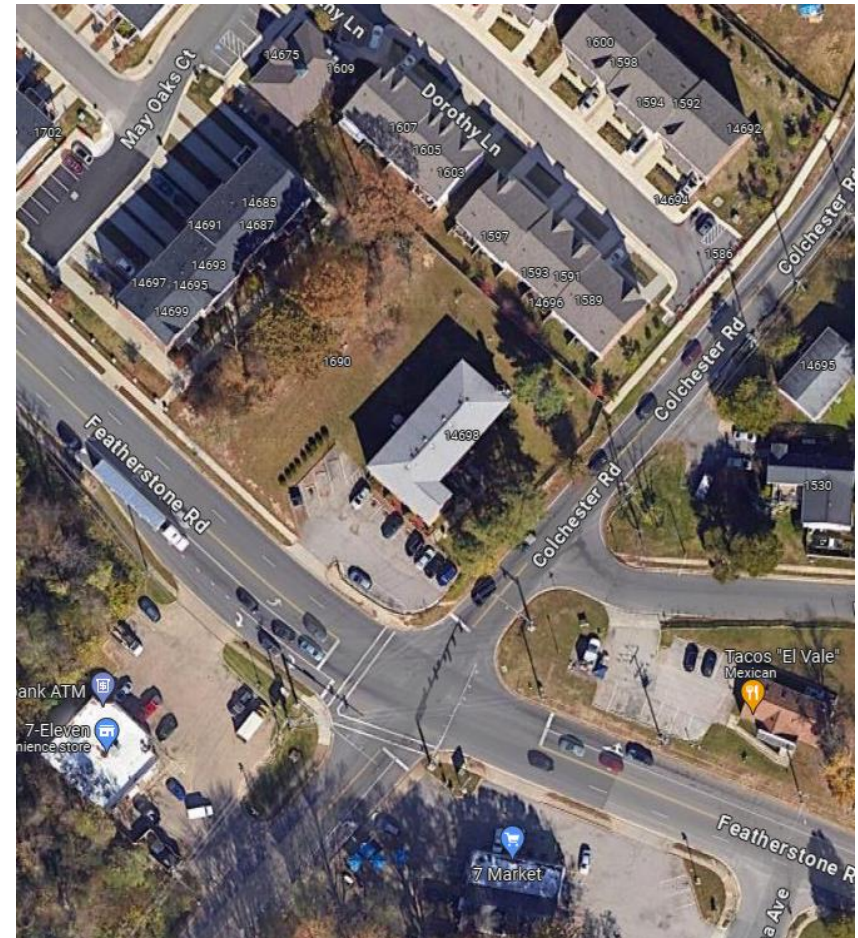
Central Elden Walkability Improvements

- \$2,500,000 – Town of Herndon
- Improves the safety, accessibility, and walkability of Herndon’s main through-street with ADA ramps and crosswalks, 5-foot sidewalk that moves around existing pole barriers, and grass buffer
- Adjacent to Herndon Regional Activity Center, an Equity Emphasis Area, two schools, and the W&OD Trail



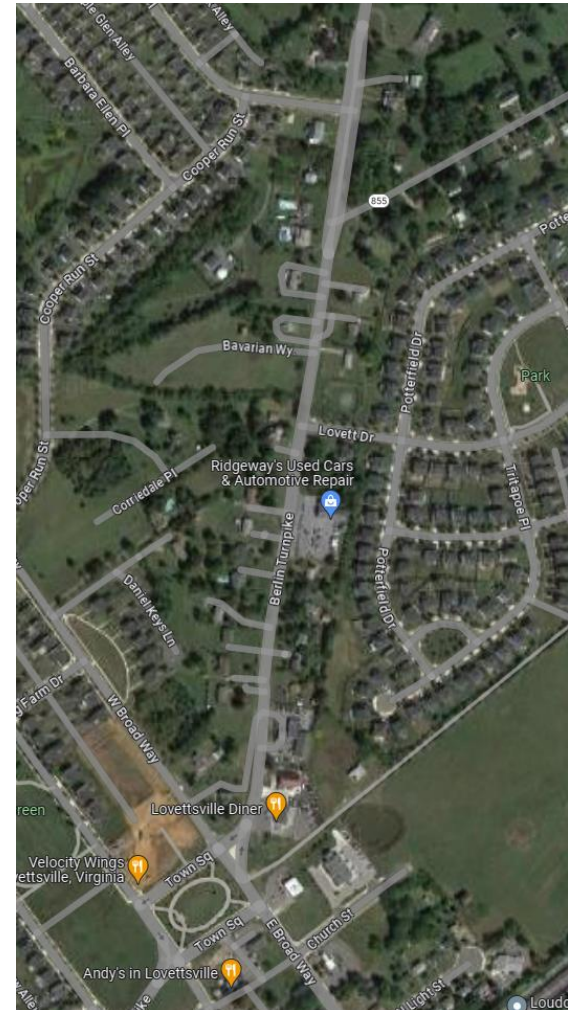
Colchester Road Sidewalk

- \$2,500,000 – Prince William County
- Adds two crosswalk legs and new ramps to create a four-leg ADA compliant crossing at the intersection of two major roads
- Provides connections between retail and higher density townhomes, as well as schools
- Builds a sidewalk along an area of desire paths with demonstrated foot traffic going into the road
- Improves safety and visibility in an Equity Emphasis Area



N Berlin Pike Shared Use Path

- \$2,500,000 – Town of Lovettsville
- Constructs an ADA compliant 10-foot wide shared use path with an 8-foot grass buffer, improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety and comfort where no facilities currently exist
- Continues building out the National Capital Trail Network as a planned trail in that system
- Provides active transportation facilities between housing developments and Lovettsville Town Square



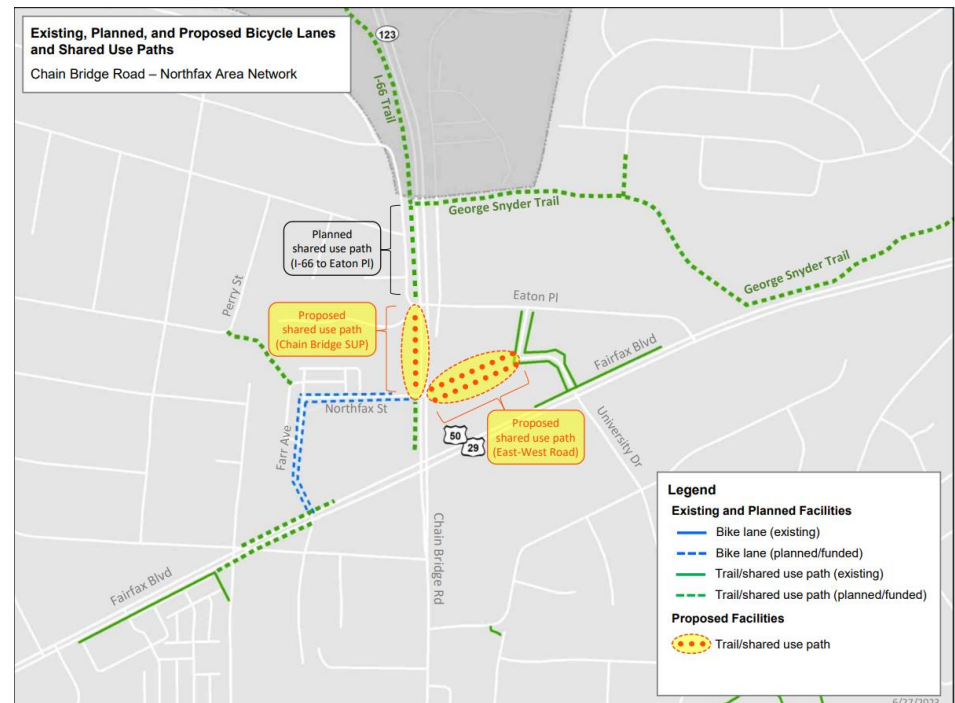
Lions Field Road Sidewalk

- \$2,500,000 – Prince William County
- Constructs a 1,729-foot sidewalk to create a safe route to Triangle Elementary School
- Implements pedestrian facilities along a steep and curving road likely prone to high driving speeds, and with ditches on either side preventing a current walking path besides in the road



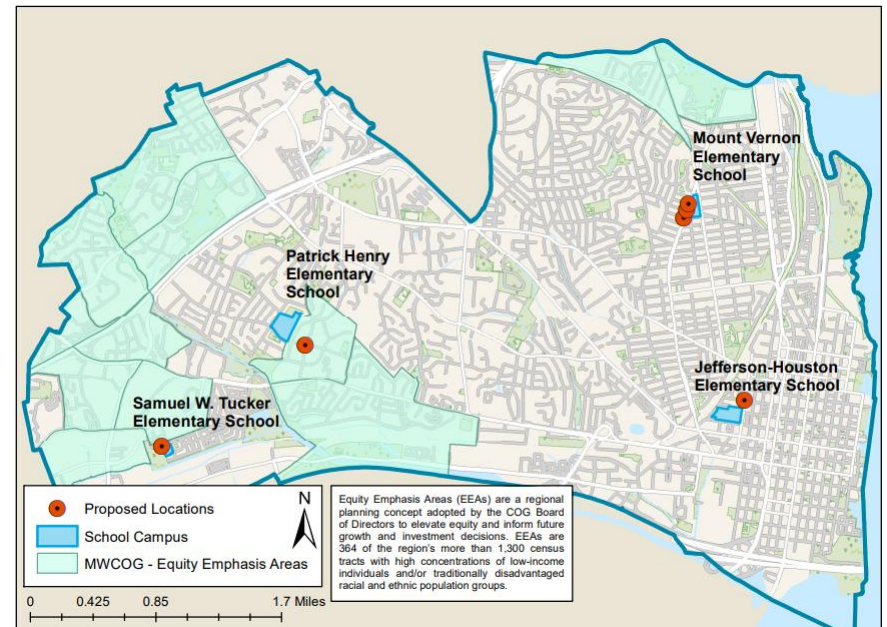
Chain Bridge Road Shared Use Path

- \$2,098,314 – City of Fairfax
- Provides a safer and higher quality bike and pedestrian facility along Chain Bridge Road, a major arterial that feeds into I-66
- Builds a shared use link between existing shared use paths north and south of this project
- Connects to the National Capital Trail Network's Custis/I-66 Trail and the approved George Snyder Trail
- Serves an Equity Emphasis area



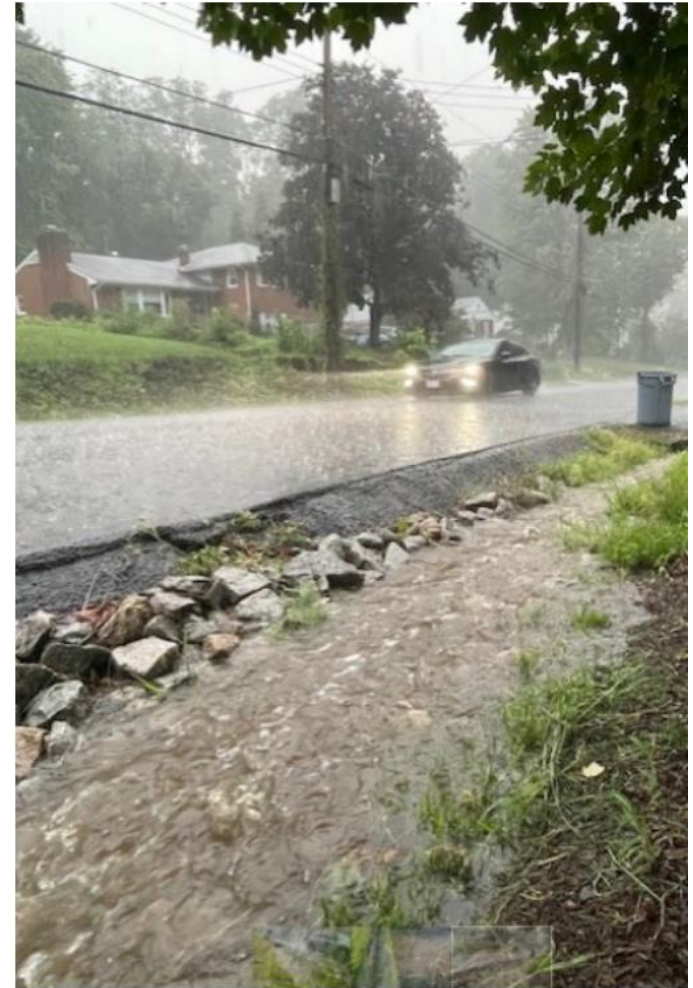
Safe Routes to School Curb Extensions

- \$1,870,935 – City of Alexandria
- Safety and visibility improvement project for six intersections near four schools across Alexandria
- Includes new curb extensions (“bulbouts”), crosswalks, median refuges, and ADA curb ramps, which collectively shorten crossing distances and slow turning vehicles
- Schools are in/near 3 different Regional Activity Centers and within ~1/2 mile of 3 different High Capacity Transit Stations
- Builds upon 2017 SRTS Walk Audits



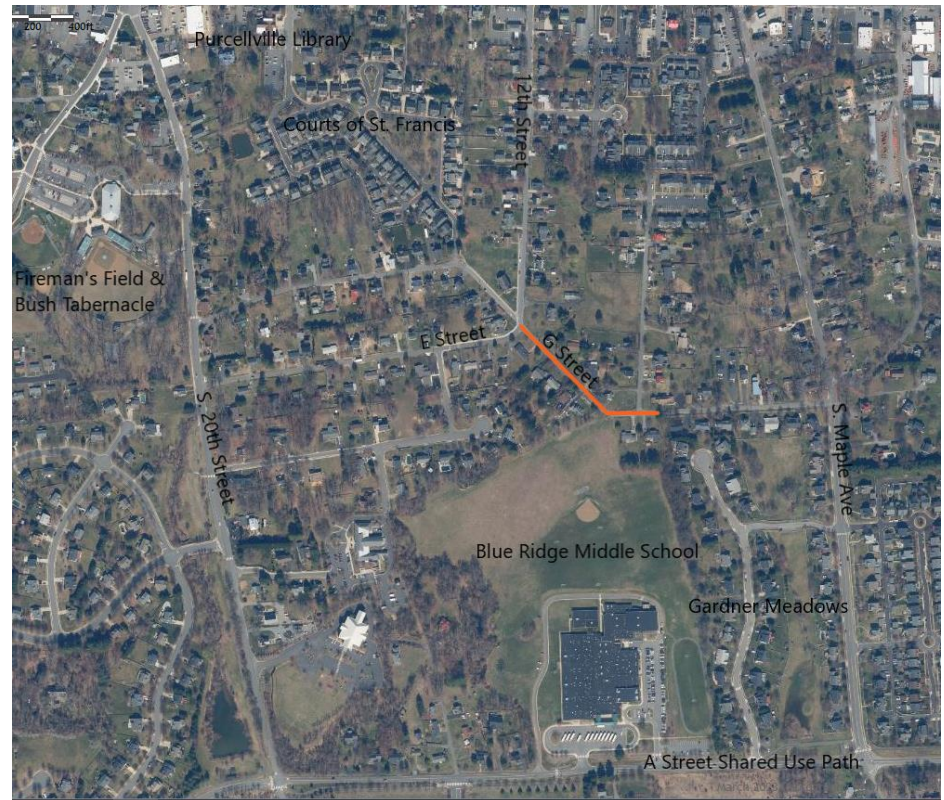
Bush Hill Elementary School SRTS

- \$1,860,000 – Fairfax County
- Constructs a missing sidewalk link for a safe route to Bush Hill Elementary School
- Provides a pedestrian facility along a road with rain gutters on both sides, with nowhere to walk currently besides in the road
- Builds upon prior project funding from a previous TAP cycle



G Street Sidewalk Improvements

- \$1,485,487 – Town of Purcellville
- Builds a missing link of sidewalk on the route to Blue Ridge Middle School, as well as ADA ramps and curb and gutter
- Furthers a project that was funded in a previous TAP cycle
- Constructs facilities along a road with preserved pedestrian activity and identified as a high priority connection for the Town



Manassas Dr Sidewalk Improvements

- \$1,378,251 – City of Manassas Park
- Significantly improves pedestrian connectivity between Park Central (recent mixed-use development) and Manassas Park VRE Station
- Builds a crucial sidewalk link across the railroad tracks, connecting higher-density communities on either side
- Provides a new ADA accessible connection to the train station
- Implements recommendations from the FY2023 TLC Active Transportation Plan for Manassas Park



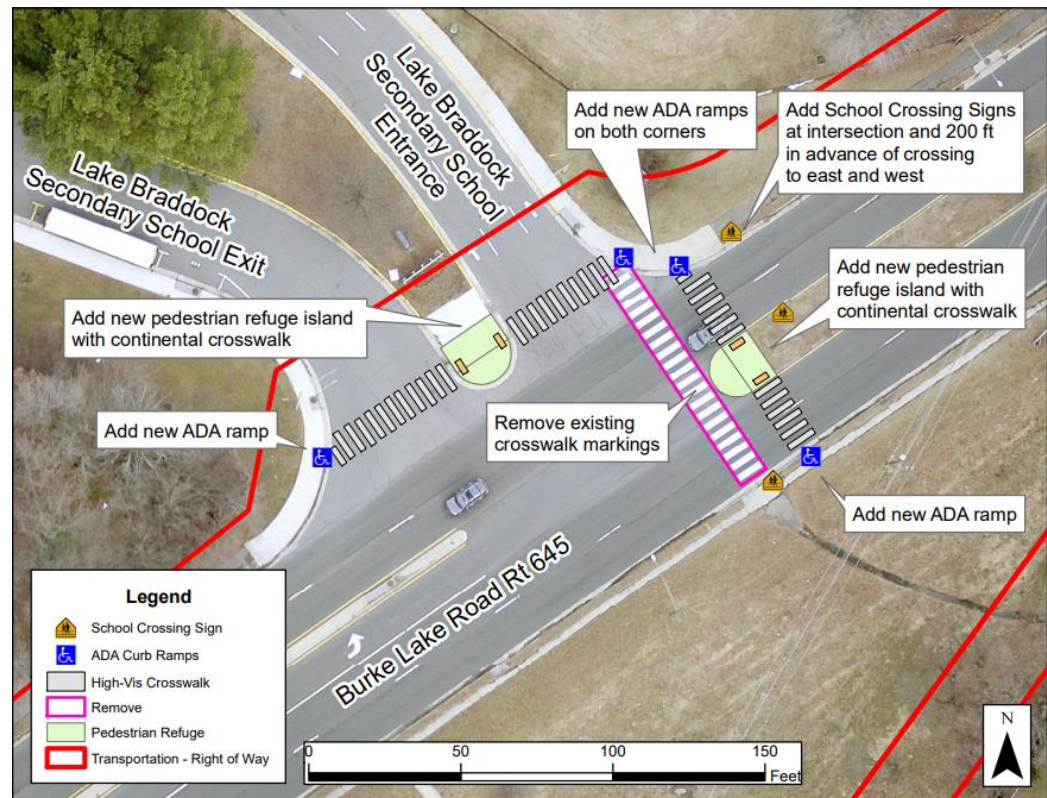
Shreviewood Elementary School SRTS

- \$1,140,000 – Fairfax County
- Adds three new crosswalks with ADA curb ramps and connections to existing sidewalks and the W&OD Trail
- Improves active transportation safety for kids going to and from school and people using trails in an Equity Emphasis Area
- Builds on prior CTB District Member FY2021-22 funding



Lake Braddock Safe Routes to School

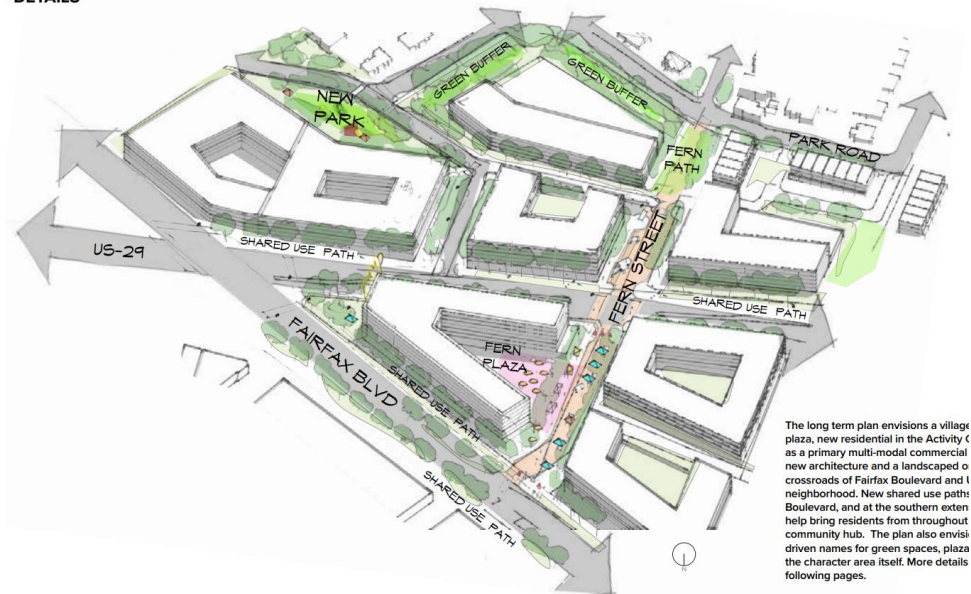
- \$356,425 – Fairfax County
- Improves pedestrian safety and connectivity across a major road and the school entrance with ADA ramps, new marked crosswalks, and new pedestrian refuge islands
- Serves Lake Braddock Secondary School, a 7-12 school and the largest public school in all of Virginia, with ~4,400 students



Fern Street Neighborhood Connection

- \$285,119 – City of Fairfax
- Utilizes city property to connect commercial and residential areas lacking an existing paved, ADA pathway between them
- Prioritizes bikes and pedestrians by building a trail instead of a road extension
- Supports Kamp Washington Small Area Plan recommendations, initiating a pedestrian priority corridor and providing links to potential mixed-use redevelopments

ACTIVATING THE FERN STREET TRIANGLE DETAILS



FCPS Non-Infrastructure SRTS Program

- \$276,000 – Fairfax County
- Funds an existing program serving 38,853 students in 42 schools
- Educates students from K-12 on safe walking and biking and encourages active transportation for getting to school
- Includes maps with suggested safe routes, safety education, bike rodeos, walk and bike to school days, monthly challenges with rewards, build a bike give a bike programs, and the development of park and walk programs for students who live beyond the walking zone



East Broad Way Sidewalk

- \$187,390 – Town of Lovettsville
- Constructs a short gap in sidewalk along East Broad Way and crosswalks to connect across the street to existing sidewalks
- Improves connectivity to Lovettsville Town Square



Next Steps

- Finalize recommendations
- Seek TPB approval on March 20, 2024



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