MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee

FROM: Andrew Meese, TPB Systems Performance Planning Program Director
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SUBJECT: Updated National Capital Regional Trail Network

DATE: January 26, 2024

This memorandum provides the status of the National Capital Trail Network update subsequent to the January TPB meeting.

Staff presented the proposed updated National Capital Trail Network to the TPB at its January 17, 2024 meeting, providing the background to the network as a Visualize 2045 Aspirational Initiative; a geographic analysis of the network's proximity to COG and TPB policy areas such as Equity Emphasis Areas; success stories of project completions since the TPB adopted the original version of the network in 2020; and an introduction to the interactive web page created for the network on the TPB website.

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

On January 17, board members raised questions concerning specific trails in Loudoun County and in the City of Fairfax. In response, staff has been working with Loudoun County and City of Fairfax staffs to ensure that network information reflected for those jurisdictions in the update is accurate. Staff anticipates being able to provide more information on this review at the February 2 TPB Technical Committee meeting.

The board was asked to provide staff any comments by February 9. Pending any further TPB comments by the February 9 deadline, staff anticipates presenting the network update to the TPB for approval at the February 21 meeting.

As noted at the January TPB Technical Committee meeting, staff worked with the jurisdictions and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to produce a revised National Capital Trail Network. Input received through December 5, 2023 and which met the agreed regional National Capital Trail Network inclusion criteria, is reflected in the updated map. Jurisdictional changes not available in time for this cycle will have an opportunity to be reflected in the next update in about a year's time.