Introductions

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Elected and Appointed Officials
Agenda

- Introductions
- Meeting Platform & Ground Rules
- Background to Mobility Chapter and Trails Component
- Trail Planning in Prince William County
- Question & Answer Session with Panel
- Continued Citizen Involvement – Comments & Questions
Make the Best Use of Zoom

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Ground Rules

**Virtual meeting etiquette:**

- During the question & answer session with the panel. Please ask your questions or provide comments using the chat box.

- Be respectful of other’s perspectives.
Prince William County is completing an update of the Comprehensive Plan, which will help guide future Planning decisions in the county. The Comprehensive Plan update began in 2018 and this work is a continuation of that process.

The Comprehensive Plan includes the Transportation chapter which will be restructured as the **Mobility** chapter, incorporating trails, both on and off-road, and all other modes of transportation.
The intent of the current Transportation Plan is to provide a multimodal transportation network (including roadways, transit facilities, and services, as well as non-motorized options and trails) that allows for the safe and efficient movement of goods and people throughout the County and into surrounding jurisdictions.
The Trails section of the Transportation chapter identifies goals and strategies for creating a network of multi-use trails to connect the residential areas with County, state, and national parks, forests, and wildlife management areas, as well as with places of cultural and historical interest, schools, retail areas, and transportation nodes.
Non-Motorized Transportation Section
The Non-Motorized Transportation Section of the chapter provides an overview of Bike Facility Classifications and Bike Facility Locations, along with goals and action strategies targeted at improving the non-motorized bike and ped systems in the county.

Transit Improvements
The current Transportation chapter also looks at connectivity between different modes of transit provided in the County (i.e., VRE and OmniRide) and sets goals and strategies for the making these opportunities accessible across the County.
Current Parks Chapter

Prince William County Comprehensive Plan

**Parks, Recreation & Tourism Chapter**
Includes broad strategies for trails and blueways relevant to existing parks and trail corridors.

It states that the County's network of pedestrian trails, stream valley corridors, and blueways, continue to be addressed both in the Parks Chapter and Transportation Chapter, and will continue to be addressed in the new Mobility Chapter.
**Existing Trail-Specific Goals:**

**PK 1.5** - Actively seek to acquire and preserve parkland along identified greenway and blueway corridors to provide...increased trail connectivity between existing parks and other nodes of activity in PWC and adjacent jurisdictions.

**REC 1.3** - Expand and enhance the County's recreational trail system to provide a world-class resource for residents, a regional draw, and an economic driver for the County.

**REC 1.4** - Integrate the County's recreational trail system into the multi-jurisdictional system of trails entering the County and integrate the recreational trail system into the County's transit, bicycle, and pedestrian networks. Focus on non-motorized park access, particularly at the neighborhood level.
Trails in Prince William County

The County has made it a priority to improve bike and pedestrian facilities, in conjunction with road improvement projects.

County goals include improving “bikeability” and “walkability” scores, by providing bike and pedestrian connections to and between residences, transportation and work centers, schools, and parks.

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism has plans for trails along several greenway and blueway corridors in the County, and actively pursues trail easements and land dedications for trails through the rezoning process.

In order to meet the varied trail goals, the County works with a wide variety of local, regional, state, and federal partners.
Trails in Prince William County

The County manages Capital Improvement Projects and works with the Board of County Supervisors to find effective solutions that resolve mobility, nonmotorized transportation, bike/ped, and trail issues.

As a result of these planning efforts, Prince William County has produced a $1 Billion Capital Improvement Program for Projects.

DPRT and Transportation continue to seek grant opportunities for County roadway and trail improvements.

County residents also recently approved the $41 Million Park Bond referendum, which includes $20 Million for trail improvements in the County.
Citizen Needs & Priorities

2019 Park Needs Assessment

- 72% of respondent households have a need for Walking & Biking Trails at recreation facilities
- 43% of respondent households list Walking & Biking Trails as facilities that are most important to them

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Citizen Needs & Priorities

Recent Poll Question: Mobility Priorities (Countywide)

28% CONGESTION
16% TRAILS
13% SAFETY
10% WALKABILITY
7% DRIVING OPTIONS
12% PUBLIC TRANSIT
6% BIKEABILITY
5% LESS RELIANCE ON CARS
4% OTHER
1% BIKESHARE

Other Key Findings

72% of all respondents selected “traffic congestion / commute times” as one of their three mobility priorities.

41% of all respondents selected “trails and greenways” as one of their three mobility priorities.

All other multiple-choice options were selected by a smaller percentage of respondents.
Overall, the County plans and implements a variety of bicycle and pedestrian projects and considers all modes of transportation, to include the following examples:

- Sidewalks
- Bike Lanes
- Shared Use Paths
- Park Contained Trails
- Greenway & Blueway Trails
- Interjurisdictional Trails
- Fitness Trails
- Safe Routes to Schools
- Safe Routes to Parks
- Bike-Ped Improvements at Intersections
Primary Focus

- Roadway, Sidewalk, and Shared Use Path Improvements
- Parks & Recreation Trails
- 20-Year Scope of CIP
- Connectivity of all Components
Community Question & Answer Session

• For the remainder of this Community Meeting, subject matter experts on a panel will respond to questions from the participants.
• Please submit your questions using the chat function.
• The moderator will present your question to the panel.
• A member of the panel will answer the question or if the question requires additional data or research, staff will provide a response by posting the question and answer on the web portal at a later date.
• This virtual meeting will be recorded and posted with the chat comments on the web portal.
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