

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL
Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

MOTION: Eileen Sheridan

May 23, 2023
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 23-3

SECOND: Bill McCarty

**RE: RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS TO ROUTE 28 BYPASS PROJECT
SHARED USE PATH DESIGN**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation held a public meeting to review the latest design version of the Route 28 Bypass project on April 20, 2023 that includes a shared use path; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design of the shared use path precludes a number of potential, convenient access points from adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design of the shared use path does not provide pedestrian/bicycle connections to either Ben Lomond Regional Park or Fairmont Park, both of which are parks owned and operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design of the shared use path does not provide access to Ordway Road which would provide connection to a planned shared use path on Compton Road and access to the I-66 shared use path that will connect to Washington D.C.; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed design does not consider bicycle and pedestrian access to the recreational trails in Ben Lomond Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design should also include provisions for parking along Bull Run whereby residents of Prince William County could have hand-carried launch access for paddling along Bull Run;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Trails and Blueways Council recommends to the Prince William Board of County Supervisors that the following items be considered before accepting a final design for the Route 28 Bypass:

- Move the proposed shared use path to the westerly side of the right-of-way to improve access to Fairmont Park and Ben Lomond Regional Park, or at a minimum, provide a sidewalk along the westerly side in addition to the shared use path on the easterly side, to make this roadway a “complete street”. The goal

is to ensure additional pedestrian and bicycle access from the neighborhoods adjoining the right-of-way.

- Include bicycle and pedestrian access to both Fairmont Park and Ben Lomond Regional Park, utilizing County-owned land as feasible.
- Include access to Ordway Road, so that cyclists and pedestrians can proceed to Compton Road for access to the I-66 shared use path, which presently ends at the Compton Road/I-66 interchange.
- Provide vehicular/bicycle/pedestrian access to any parking areas constructed along Bull Run in the Yorkshire area, such that the County can consider development of a future hand-carried boat launch, thereby providing land and blueway connectivity.

Votes:

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

Absent from Vote (virtual only): 2

Absent from Meeting: 2

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Cronauer, Chair, Prince William Trails and Blueways Council