

Prince William County
TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026; 6:30 PM

Attendance

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton		✓	
	Bill McCarty	✓		
Brentsville	Liz Cronauer	✓		
	Steve Cover	✓		
Coles	Mike DePue	✓		
	Joe Marshall (CHR)	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin	✓		
	Ken Johnson	✓		
Neabsco	Jason Williams (VCHR)	✓		
	Rich Wilson	✓		
Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan	✓		
	Neil Nelson (SEC)	✓		
Potomac	Jessie Citizen	✓		
	Kimberly Palacios		✓	
Woodbridge	David Brickley	✓		
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

Staff members present: Rob Boyd, Patti Pakkala, Seth Hendler-Voss, Yolanda Hipski; and Bryce Barrett attended virtually.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joe at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Time.

Charlie Grymes – noted that two staff members are leaving: Amarjit Riat (DPR) and Yolanda Hipski (Planning). TBC members can contact the Supervisors about TRIP (Transportation Roadway Improvement Program) funding accounts they control, suggest using funds for low hanging fruit trail

opportunities. And, the VA State trail plan only includes paved shared use paths, there are no recreational trails except a line on the map for the Appalachian Trail. Congratulations to PWC for integrating the recreational trails and mobility trails in the Master Plan.

Allen Muchnick - Active Prince William is advocating for a robust VDOT roadway reconfiguration program to retrofit for bike lanes (when VDOT repaves road, re-surface the shared use path), and to get VDOT to do better maintenance of the SUPs.

Administrative:

- Motions on remote attendance for Amy and Kimberly were approved (at the point in the meeting when they joined).
- Minutes of the April 28, 2026, TBC meeting were approved (motion: Duane; 2nd Steve)
- Notes from the PHSNT committee meeting of May 20 were accepted (motion: Neil; 2nd Ken)

County Agency Representatives

Presentation Item. E-bike Types and PWC Trails Usage – Virginia Biking Fed

- John Hamilton, President of Virginia Bicycling Federation, presented the attached slides on the classification of e-bikes, their difference from E-Motos (electric motorcycles), use on trails, and regulatory status. The enforcement of regulations on e-bikes is hindered by several factors:
 - Sales of e-bikes that don't fit the standard classification categories, or misidentification caused by a feature like fake pedals.
 - Lack of labels identifying class type or motor power (or weight)
 - Capability to operate with e-assist mode turned off.
- DPR Ranger Chief Todd Reid attended virtually and indicated that the DPR policy on e-assisted bikes should remain the same for now, it is pre-mature to allow e-bikes in parks at this time, they should only be used on paved paths. DPR has received enough complaints and accident reports to draw that conclusion. Chief Reid recommends that the PWC BOCS adopt regulations.
- Officers MacFarlane, Peak, and Search of the PWC Police Dept attended the meeting. They indicated that new legislation was not needed, that the unlawful activity they encounter relates to e-motorcycles. Current state law is that a moped or e-moto which can go over 35 mph or is above 50 cc requires a license with motorcycle endorsement (and registration) and rider must have a helmet. There are many violations.
- Duane said e-bikes have enabled inexperienced people to achieve high performance. Users are moving too fast on recreational trails, and it becomes a safety hazard. He has seen this at Conway Robinson State Forest, and he knows people who no longer walk their dogs on trails over concerns about e-bikes or motos.

PWC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Rob Boyd

- Best Ribbon Cutting Predictions. PHNST segment in Featherstone NWR, sometime in the fall.
- Davis Park Master Plan. DPR held a public meeting on May 7. Presented three design concepts and got feedback. Also presented them to MIDCO on May 19. They are on-line: [Davis Ford Park Master Plan](#)
- General Updates. Provided in the PHNST subcommittee meeting notes of May 20

PWC Transportation. Bryce Barrett

- Bike Month: normal numbers participated at bike-to-work pit stops. The learn to ride class for adults filled up with 19 participating.

- New Capital Planning Structure: Intent is that design and master planning will stay in DPR with capital construction managed by the new group starting July 1. David Brickley asked about the Powells Creek Crossing. Ed DeLeon will transfer to the Capital Projects group, and he will remain the project manager for design and construction. Seth indicated DPR will develop vision, master plans, and scope.
- General updates. Received two grants: Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) and Regional Roadway Safety Program. One for parking demand study, in recognition of the need for changes to current parking requirements; and one for Maplewood neighborhood traffic study in Yorkshire area.
- David Brickley asked for an update on the VDOT I-95 project to replace bridges over Neabsco Creek.

PWC Planning, Yolanda Hipski

- Strategic Plan Mobility Group Membership and Plan Update – Rob reported the new committee is forming slowly, not meeting until after July 1.
- Yolanda said the Planning Office is waiting for recommendations from the consultant on the Sustainability Comp Plan Amendment.

Community Development Applications, Rob Boyd

- Rob reported the Belmont Bay rezoning is on the BOCS agenda for June 2, with proffers for 90 acres of park land and PHNST route.
- Destination Place – DPR staff met with Supervisor LaCroix and chief of staff (who is also the planning commissioner); they are aware of the issues related to the PHNST route.

Business Items:

- Resolution – Safe Streets for All Support. Approved the resolution to submit a letter supporting the grant application (motion: Eileen; 2nd Ken)
- Bylaws status – revised bylaws must go to BOCS for approval. We adopted the policy on remote participation in July 2025 and must renew it each year. It's the same policy used by other County boards and commissions.
- **Shirts and Nametags.** Ordered.

Presentations/Reports Robert Boyd.

- **PHNST S/C Comments.** David Brickley mentioned the change in direction from the board of directors of the Marine Corps Museum, who now won't allow the PHNST to be routed through the museum grounds. Rob said this resulted from Quantico MCB looking at options to generate revenue from real property. A land swap is proposed with the result of development near the gate of Quantico and development of a hotel & conference center on the museum side of Rt 1. David suggested lobbying with Supervisor Bailey and other BOCS and state reps to retain the route through the Museum grounds.
- **Countywide Master Trails Plan Action Items.** Rob - DPR Trail Design Standards Manual will have more trail design options and detail for recreational trails than the DCSM. Bryce stated there will be an update to the mobility chapter in comp plan soon; it will include sidewalks and secondary street facilities. Pathways 2035 – on BOCS agenda for the last meeting in July. Patti mentioned the new accessibility guidelines were still slowing the production effort.
- **Draft Resolution on DPR Strategic Plan.** The DPR Strategic Plan is being updated and contains only one strategy related to additional trails. A draft resolution was reviewed that suggested

adding a number of key performance indicators to the plan, for setting goals and measuring progress with trail development. Seth provided this background information on the plan:

- Starting in July, DPR will revamp the plan, making strategies more measurable. Its purpose is to help implement the comp plan and master plan. It will be reduced to a very few strategies and will align with the fiscal year instead of the calendar year.
- Criteria:
 1. Don't mirror master plan or comp plan.
 2. Must be achievable with current resources / funding. Need to leverage existing resources. It's a five-year plan. Must be realistic.
 3. Distribute strategies throughout focus areas. Develop a few bold and creative strategies which DPR can implement. Looking at new & different things that will move the needle. Write a KPI for one that's in there. Submit ideas to Rob or Seth. DPR has asked Parks Commission to provide comments by next week.
- **Low Hanging Fruit Planning Discussion.** Joe presented recommendations on achievable trail development projects with strategies for completing them.
- **South Korea Trails Report.** David showed pictures of high-quality trail systems he had seen on his visit there.

Organization Representatives' Time

Greater Prince William Trails Coalition (GPWTC). Quarterly meeting on June 25. Delegate Briana Sewell will attend. Walk & Talk Wellness Campaign: check to see if signs are still there, report to Eileen if not. Remove signs at end of June.

Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition (PWTSC).

- Trails Day Hike at Locust Shade, June 6, 1:00 pm. Led by MORE park liaison.
- 2nd Sunday hike at PW Forest Park, 1:00 pm. Free entry day. Will hike a loop that includes portions of The Crossing Trail / Washington-Rochambeau Route.

Mid Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE). MORE hosting summer picnic at Locust Shade on June 27, 8:00 – 1:00. TBC members invited.

Parks Foundation. Jason visited Lake Ridge Park during one of the science in the park events. Many kids were there making rounds to different educational stations. Seeking funds for science in the park program (\$325K needed for science van).

Members' Time:

Next meetings:

- June 12 items for TBC agenda due
- June 23 T&BC meeting

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm



E-bikes Primer for the Trails & Blueways Council May 26th 2026 Meeting



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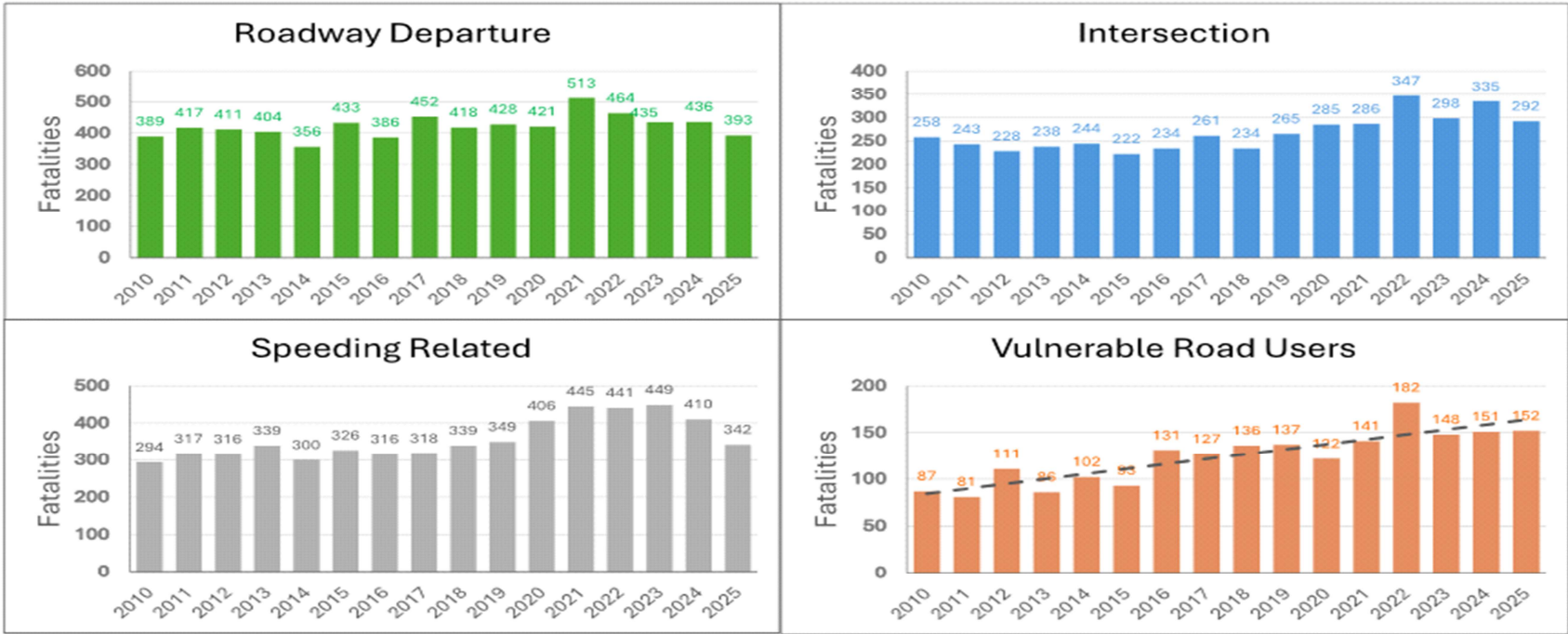
- The Virginia Bicycling Federation is a statewide advocacy organization working to change public policy and community attitudes, to improve the safety, convenience, and acceptance of bicycling, and to promote bicycling for transportation, recreation, public health and economic development.

Why Advocacy

- Advocacy is about being engaged, supporting a cause, and advancing positive change. Advocating for bicyclists and safe bicycling is one of VBF's most important activities. VBF focuses on bicycling-related issues of statewide significance and partners with local and national organizations on these and other issues that impact bicycling.



Vulnerable Road Users – The only category getting worse



E-Bikes

- U.S. e-bike ridership has tripled since 2021
- Allows riders to get more exercise
 - Longer distances
 - More frequently
 - Access to more places
 - Hills are less of a barrier
 - Designs have improved with:
 - Gravel e-bikes
 - Mountain e-bikes



E-bike Classes

Class One



- Max speed: **20 MPH**
- Pedal assisted
- No assistance beyond max speed

Class Two



- Max speed: **20 MPH**
- Throttle & pedal assisted
- No assistance beyond max speed

Class Three



- Max speed: **28 MPH**
- Pedal assisted
- Helmets and speedometers required
- No assistance beyond max speed

Common attributes for all three classes

No more than three wheels

Pedals that allow propulsion by human power

A seat for the rider

An electric motor with an input of no more than 750 watts

Should have a sticker



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Examples of Class 1 e-Bicycles



APPLY THEM TO THE MOTOR SURFACE





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Examples of Class 2 e-Bicycles





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Examples of Class 3 e-Bicycles

CLASS

3

**750W
28MPH**



On-line has changed everything

- The uncontrolled flow of new products and access to modification has created beyond class micromobility devises.
 - E-mottos and out of class vehicles exceeding power and speed regulations
 - Consumer after market modifications
 - Blurring of the lines in the bicycle/e-bike, moped, and motorcycle classifications

Common Characteristics of E-Motos

- Often unsafe and fail to meet Federal Safety Standards
 - Over 750 watts
 - Often not street legal limited to off-highway
 - not permitted on sidewalks, multi-use paths, or traditional bicycle lanes
- Pedals are often cosmetic or a foot-peg setup
- May be capable of speeds far exceeding 35MPH



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E-MOTOs / Sur-Rons / Super 73s

NO CLASS RATE STICKER



HB1120 DMV Study may help to address the confusion

Some possible outcomes

Clarifications that will promote
identifying types of vehicles and
regulation

Registration/sticker requirements
to allow real time identification

Education and enforcement
promoting responsible use

Some Considerations

- E-bike access to trails allowing manual bicycle use will increase access and usage by more folks
- Focus on Speed and Behavior
- Education and enforcement are key to success
- Monitoring and adaptation will be required



Questions?