



Public Workshop Notes

October 15, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

Project Team Attendees:

- Jennifer Baldwin, Alta Planning + Design
- Joe Gilpin, Alta Planning + Design
- Charlie Simpson, Alta Planning + Design
- Chloe Ritter, City of Fairfax
- Wendy Sanford, City of Fairfax
- Paul Nabti, City of Fairfax
- Cathy Salgado, City of Fairfax
- Lyndsey Cloutre, City of Fairfax

Welcome & Project Progress

- Chloe Ritter welcomed everyone, shared the agenda, and provided an overview of the project including the development of a project vision statement, goals, existing condition review, and the results of public input received to-date.
- A participant commented that the vision and goals missed mentioning Gateway Park as a node for regional trails. Another participant responded in the chat that he thinks the Gateway Park should be a potential strategy for improved connections, but not a core goal.

Draft Network

- Joe Gilpin provided an overview of the draft network as well as a description of the different facility types.

Draft Priorities

- Jennifer Baldwin provided an overview of the draft approach for prioritizing projects.

Breakout Group #1- Network Review

The attendees were broken up into five different groups to discuss the Draft Network. At least one employee from the City of Fairfax or Alta Planning + Design facilitated the small group discussions. Key takeaways from the first breakout session are described below.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Focus on short connectors—high value and low-cost projects—that can expand the possibilities for network connectivity
- Prioritize traffic calming and speed control
- Improve wayfinding for all routes





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- Improve connections to and safety of off-street paths through lighting and increased visibility
- Improve connections to regional trails
- Invest in neighborways and limit cut-through traffic, slow down speeds, and prioritize bicycle traffic on these routes
- Improve access to activity centers such as Kamp Washington, Old Town, and NorthFaz
- Explore opportunities to create loop routes

SPECIFIC NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS

- Reduce speeding and add traffic calming on both Plantation Parkway and Eaton PI
- Improve Chain Bridge Rd, including: the crossing of Chain Bridge Rd and Eaton PI, the crossing of Chain Bridge Rd and Cedar Ave, access to Norman Ave from Chain Bridge Rd
- Cedar Ave is an important route west of Chain Bridge Rd
- Find a safe east-west connection north of Fairfax Blvd as an alternative to using Fairfax Blvd
- Limit cut-through traffic on Walnut St between Main St and Fairfax Blvd
- Improve University Dr by both reducing speeds and increasing separation between bicyclists and motor vehicle traffic
- Add a bike facility through the new road being built in Kamp Washington
- Add separated bike lanes along the major arterials such as Main St and Fairfax Blvd as well as improving all intersections along Fairfax Blvd
- Improve crossing of Warwick Ave and Fairfax Blvd
- Improve bike connections through Fairfax circle
- Add connection to George Snyder Trail from Eaton PI
- Improve trail along Accotink Creek just south of Main St and the trail extending from Plantation Pkwy
- Improve connections to and from Van Dyck Park to make the park a node for bike connections



Breakout Group #2- Network Prioritization

The attendees were broken up into five different groups to discuss Network Prioritization. At least one employee from the City of Fairfax or Alta Planning + Design facilitated the small group discussions. Key takeaways from the second breakout session are described below.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Prioritize wayfinding and signage for the entire network in the near term
- Prioritize improvements along Chain Bridge Rd sooner than long-term
- Prioritize improved safety along local streets that are used as cut-through routes for cars
- Prioritize high value, low-cost projects that can be implemented in the short-term
- Prioritize Neighborways in the short-term
- Prioritize improving key connections and thus filling gaps / missing links
- Prioritize off-street path connectors
- Connect to regional bicycle network

SPECIFIC LOCATIONS TO PRIORITIZE

- Prioritize improvements along Plantation Parkway as well as Eaton Pl
- Prioritize the improvement of Chain Bridge Rd and Eaton Pl
- Prioritize creating a safe north-south corridor for bicyclists that connects GMU to Old Town to I-66 Trail and north to W&OD Trail
- Prioritize major east-west connections
- Prioritize creating a link from Fair City Mall west towards Old Town
- Create / improve the connection from Ardmore to Westmore
- Improve connections between Mosby Woods to existing trail network
- Improve connections to Old Lee Highway

