



January 13th, 2022

Re: Funding Safer Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: Top Priority Trail Projects

Dear Chair McKay and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Capital Trails Coalition and our 75 members, I'd like to thank the Fairfax Board of Supervisors for acknowledging the need for more and better bicycle and pedestrian facilities across Fairfax County. The number of pedestrians and bicycle-related fatalities, injuries and near-misses on Fairfax County roads continues at an unacceptable rate. We commend you for passing the resolution to find more funding back in October, and we appreciate the work that FCDOT staff has done to develop a methodology to prioritize funding.

The Capital Trails Coalition is a regional Coalition working to complete a connected network of multi-use trails across VA, MD, and DC. We are thrilled to see that regional connectivity was a factor to consider in the prioritization process. We also want to emphasize the importance of identifying and prioritizing projects in equity emphasis areas.

The Coalition would like to share our top four priority projects with you for consideration (see below). Each project is critical to completing the regional trail network and 3 out of 4 serve Equity Emphasis Areas as defined by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG):

<b>Project</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Equity Emphasis Area</b>
Route 50/ Arlington Boulevard Trail	Shared Use Path & Bridge	Gallows Road	Fairview Park Drive	.6 mile	Providence	Would bridge two equity emphasis areas
Reston Parkway	Shared Use Path	S Lakes Drive	Fox Mill Road	1.2 miles	Hunter Mill	YES
West Ox Sidepath	Shared Use Path	Ox Hill Road	Legato Road	.8 mile	Springfield, Sully, and Providence	



Fox Mill Road Sidepath	Shared Use Path	Reston Parkway	Fairfax County Parkway	1.1 miles	Hunter Mill	YES
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We know funding is scarce, but we hope you will consider prioritizing these projects.

Sincerely,

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