

# Spotsylvania County Comprehensive Plan

Transportation Element Bicycle and Pedestrian Update

# Seeking Input

- (1) Trailways Master Plan consolidation into Comprehensive Plan
- (2) Corridor and location based recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian accommodation

# Transportation Element Update: Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

- Staff proposes updating and shifting crucial elements of the 2011 Trailways Master Plan into the Comprehensive Plan:
  - Consistent with Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2223.
  - Effectively remove separate standalone plan document in favor of “one stop shop”;
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan included in Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element update cycle;
  - Implementation goals and objectives;
  - Greater focus on road frontage based improvements as means to expand upon the adopted recreational trails plan;
  - Comprehensive Plan supported bicycle and pedestrian improvements help improve scoring for competitive transportation projects funding requests;
  - Plan informs Comprehensive Plan reviews for public hearing cases

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Identification

- Corridor specific recommendations for sidewalks, multi-use paths and recreational trails;
- Serve as guide to update Design Standards Manual standards to be corridor specific over use/zoning specific;
- Focus on higher tier roads. Staff proposes bike/ped planning focus on VDOT Functional classification roads including minor collector and higher (excluding Interstates and onramps);
- Establish a corridor and location approach in place of a current approach;
  - Primary Development Area and Courthouse Area Mixed Use focus on sidewalks or multi-use trails (VDOT, Trailways Master Plan, Thoroughfare Plan);
  - Rural Areas focus on shoulder improvements;
- Recommend corridor specific over use/zoning specific revision to Article 5 of the Design Standards Manual concerning bike/ped.
- Reduce or remove the “sidewalk to nowhere” argument in place of an established plan (that will take time to implement)

# Proposed Road Corridor Based Bicycle and Pedestrian System

