



NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL BIKEWAY & TRAIL NETWORK STUDY

A plan to improve bicycling and walking in Northern Virginia

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA BIKEWAY AND TRAIL PLAN UNDERWAY

Would you like to help make Northern Virginia a better place to ride a bike and walk? You can... by participating in the ***Northern Virginia Regional Bikeway and Trail Network Study***. The Study includes the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William, and all incorporated towns in these counties, as well as the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax, Manassas and Manassas Park. The study will identify existing and funded bikeways and trails in the region, analyze critical gaps between the facilities and in quality of facilities, and finally recommend a prioritized program to complete the regional bikeway and trail network.

If the study is to be successful and identify the needs and priorities of non-motorized transportation users in Northern Virginia, citizen participation is critical. Opportunities to provide input and learn about the study's findings and recommendations will be available throughout the project. Two public meetings will be held and an interactive website will be developed allowing users to view and provide input on to the study's findings. Three electronic newsletters will also be distributed during the study. Additionally, a Bikeway and Trail Network Study Workgroup, with representatives from all local jurisdictions, will advise VDOT and the consultant team throughout the project.

PROJECT SPONSOR

This project is being conducted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and directed by the Transportation Planning Section of the Northern Virginia District Office.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Public Information Meeting Scheduled in July

When: Tuesday, July 31st

Where: Fairfax County Government Center

Time: 7:30 PM

Interested in learning more about the Regional Bikeway & Trail Study? Do you want to have a voice in how and where bikeway and trail projects occur throughout Northern Virginia? Then come to the initial Public Information meeting regarding this study.

The meeting will provide you with an overview of the Bikeway & Trail Study and an opportunity to ask questions about the Study. A second public information meeting will be held in the Fall, 2001 to review preliminary findings and recommendations.

Schedule conflict? No problem. Log onto our web page at www.fhiplan.com/novabike where the full presentation will be available as well as the opportunity to submit questions and comments.

CONSULTING TEAM

The consulting team for the project is headed by Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. (SCI) of Laurel, Maryland. SCI is a planning and engineering firm that specializes in bicycle and pedestrian transportation and facility design. The firm has completed bikeway and trail plans for many regions in the U.S. and was the prime contractor for the Baltimore Region Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Plan, and the Southern Maryland Regional Trails and Bikeways Study. Project contacts include Charles Denney, cdenney@sprinkleconsulting.com and Jennifer Toole, jtoole@sprinkleconsulting.com.

The Project Team also includes Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. and Saeed & Associates, both Northern Virginia based firms with experience in bikeway and trail planning and design.

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