



## Old Lee Highway Multimodal Project

November 21, 2021

Here are the comments of the Friends of Accotink Creek following the September 30<sup>th</sup> Old Lee Highway open house

The plan looks excellent. It provides improved and safer pedestrian and bicycle connections to the places where people live, work, worship, study, and shop without sacrifice of trees and natural habitat. This is in marked contrast to certain other projects that divert pedestrians and bicycles away from daily destinations while converting our dwindling heritage of wooded habitats to asphalt paving.

The expected reduction of impervious surface is an achievement to be applauded, one that is much needed by Accotink Creek.

In an ideal vision, the project could progressively expand outward to include greening of parking lots and roofs along Old Lee Highway for enhanced stormwater controls and other benefits. The two public schools and other public facilities are clear opportunities, and perhaps even collaboration with private parking areas could be undertaken.

At the recent Glasgow Climate Conference, world leaders pledged to halt global deforestation. It is our obligation locally to contribute to this goal in every way possible. Neighborways such as this are the model for all non-motorized transportation initiatives without deforestation. We urge the City to follow this model while there is still time to reconsider the George Snyder Trail, Pickett Road Connector, and all similar proposals routed through wooded areas. .

Sincerely,

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