Bicycle and Pedestrian Treatments

Supervisor Storck, January 10, 2022

Thank you for including the segment about bicycle and pedestrian treatments in your January 'Advisor'. Innovative treatments of this type are exactly what we need to provide safe and convenient non-motorized transportation opportunities to all our neighborhoods.

Fairfax County has thousands of miles of streets, all placed of course, where citizens live, work, shop, study, and worship. These streets take citizens to the destinations they need to reach and therefore must be the backbone of enhanced networks for non-motorized travel. Forests and streams, on the other hand, are in random locations which only occasionally and incidentally have value as transportation routes. Nor do we have enough forests and streams to provide an alternate transportation route network. Nor can we really spare any more of our diminished inventory of trees, given the bleak climate change outlook.

All this, of course, is an appeal to reroute the proposed Cinder Bed Road Bikeway (a portion of which would be in your district) out of forests and wetlands and instead forge an alternate route by improving existing streets and trails.

Sincerely,
Friends of Accotink Creek : : www.accotink.org : :
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#SaveCinderBedWoods

Mount Vernon District Advisor January 2022

Transportation

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The Virginia Department of Transportation, the County and I are committed to **improving safety and mobility** for all road users. **Safe and comfortable street design** for **people walking and bicycling** is one of the strategies VDOT is using to achieve these goals. Access to bicycle and pedestrian facilities is an important component of an **efficient, multimodal transportation network**. Providing safe and comfortable places to bike and walk **enhances the quality of life and public health**, strengthens communities, increases safety for all road users, reduces congestion, and **benefits the environment**.

There are a **variety of design treatments** that can improve safety and comfort for bicyclists and pedestrians. While some treatments, **such as bicycle lanes**, are becoming more commonplace, **others may be more unfamiliar** to residents. Read more...