Brian Ogle, Chair
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, March 5th, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

406 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present:
Chair Brian Ogle, Stafford County Citizen Representative, Chair
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County, Vice Chair
Rachel Inman, Alternate, VDOT
Matthew Lehane, Stafford County
Chris Clarke, King George County
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)
Luke Forbes, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
Brent Hunsinger, Spotsylvania County Citizen Representative

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Committee Members Not Present:
Denise Flatley, King George County Citizen Representative
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)

Staff Present:
Leda Hinkle, GIS Analyst/Planner I
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement / Title VI Coordinator

1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**
   Chair Brian Ogle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
   Mr. Hlaing called the roll and determined a quorum.

3. **Approval of March 5th, 2026, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve the March 5th, 2026, BPAC agenda

Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Mr. Lehane
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of January 8th, 2026, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve January 8th, 2025, BPAC meeting minutes.
   Motion: Mr. Forbes; Second: Mr. Pastwik
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Comment**

   There was no public comment.

6. **Discussion/Action Items**

   a. Bike/Ped features in SMART SCALE Round 7 Regional Applications

   Ms. Eaves, Mr. Lehane, and Mr. Pastwik discussed the bicycle and pedestrian features included in the Round 7 Regional SMART SCALE preapplications. Ms. Eaves pointed out that although there were no standalone bike/ped applications in this round, most of the regional applications had a moderate to substantial level of bike/ped facilities included. The committee discussed how these projects fit in with existing infrastructure and the overall plan for a larger future network.

   b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Report

   Ms. Hinkle presented the first three sites monitored in 2026. She highlighted foot traffic on Chatham Bridge as the Walk for Peace crossed into Stafford, consistent high trip generation at Riverfront Park, and ice storm effects on activity. Mr. Hunsinger mentioned the high pedestrian crossing volumes on Fall Hill Avenue near the Virginia Outdoor Center. He inquired whether there was a way to measure these volumes and provide wayfinding for the grade separated crossing option for pedestrians.

   c. Complete Streets Update

   Ms. Hinkle presented a timeline for adopting the Complete Streets plan and summarized the Complete Streets TAC workshop. She will come back in May to present final plan content. The committee discussed the procurement process for bus stop upgrades through proffers.

7. **Correspondence**

   Ms. Eaves presented a high-level overview of the new transportation funding bill, the BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act. She shared where committee members could find more information and encouraged them to learn more about the bill.

8. **Staff Reports**

   Ms. Eaves presented the regional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects that have been selected for funding. These projects will be included in the Draft Six Year Plan and the final vote will occur in June.

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Mr. Hlaing announced that the Transportation Goals & Needs Survey close date would be extended to March 17, 2026.

9. **Member Reports**

Mr. Lehane shared the nearly complete status of the Staffordboro sidewalk.

Mr. Clarke shared that construction on the middle school sidewalk (The Ready, Set, Go!/ TAP Project) should be completed over the summer.

Mr. Lynch mentioned the trail race that was cancelled due to the January ice storm. He shared that a connection to Lake Caledon was still a work in progress.

Mr. Hunsinger observed higher levels of distraction among drivers and pedestrians downtown. He wondered if a messaging campaign might successfully raise awareness. He also commented on the many near-misses Strava cyclists are reporting on Jim Morris Road.

Mr. Pastwik noted that Jim Morris Road has just been added to the thoroughfare plan and updated the committee on the status of the county's comprehensive plan update. He also emphasized the important role private development has played in developing public infrastructure in the county.

10. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / **Next meeting May 7th at 6pm**

Motion was made to adjourn the March 5th, BPAC Meeting at 7:11 pm.
Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Lehane
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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