



FAIRFAX COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

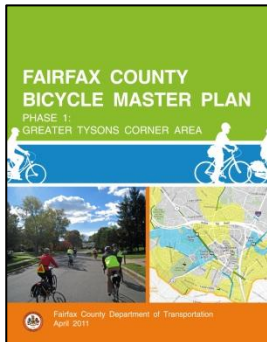
ABOUT THE PROJECT

The purpose of this plan is to establish a system of on and off roads that will serve as a bicycle transportation network in Fairfax County. Included in that network will be a wide range of specific improvements that are needed to accommodate and encourage bicycling within and between the County's activity and population center, as well as to/from adjacent jurisdictions.

OBJECTIVES

- Improved safety for bicyclists and other transportation system users;
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles and physical activity through regular use of bicycles for transportation;
- Conversion of short (less than three miles) single-occupancy vehicle trips to bicycle trips;
- Integration of bicycle use with all public transit services and systems;
- Increased conservation of energy resources;
- Congestion mitigation and emission reduction;
- Enhanced recreational opportunities.

BACKGROUND



The Countywide Bicycle Transportation Plan, managed by the FCDOT Bicycle Program, builds on the Fairfax County Bicycle Map, released on May 16th, 2008 and the Tysons Corner Bike Plan, which was presented to the public in spring of 2011 and is currently under review by the County Board of Supervisors. The Bicycle Map was a top priority of the Board of Supervisors, and shows bike friendly routes throughout the County.

The Tysons Corner Bike Plan was developed as the first phase of the Countywide Bicycle Transportation Plan, to coordinate with the introduction of Metro's Silver Line and the land use changes ongoing and anticipated in Tysons Corner.

Phase 2 will build on the information gleaned from Phase 1, and will broadly address bicycle safety and access throughout Fairfax County. Building from the policy analysis conducted in Phase 1, Phase 2 will recommend countywide policies and programs needed to support bicycling. The needs of bicyclists at all skill levels will be addressed in this Plan.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As with Phase 1, Phase 2 will actively engage a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). The BAC is comprised of representatives from: each supervisor district, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Fairfax Transportation Advisory Commission, Sidewalks and Trails Committee, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), local bicycle shops, and technical staff from Fairfax County public agencies such as Fairfax Park Authority and Department of Transportation. The BAC also includes representatives from Vienna and Herndon.

LOCAL GEOGRAPHICALLY BASED PUBLIC MEETINGS

A series of eight local public meetings will be held between September 2011 and March 2012 to gather input from citizens. These public meetings will be geographically distributed to reach out to the broadest possible audience and to gather feedback at the local level. The eight planning areas within Fairfax County are shown on the map below. The location and time of the eight local public meetings will be posted on the project website as soon as they are available.

1. **Greater Clifton Area / Burke Lake / Fairfax Station**
October 6, 2011

2. **Reston / Herndon / Sterling**
October 20, 2011

3. **Mt. Vernon / Rose Hill / Ft Belvoir**
November 17, 2011

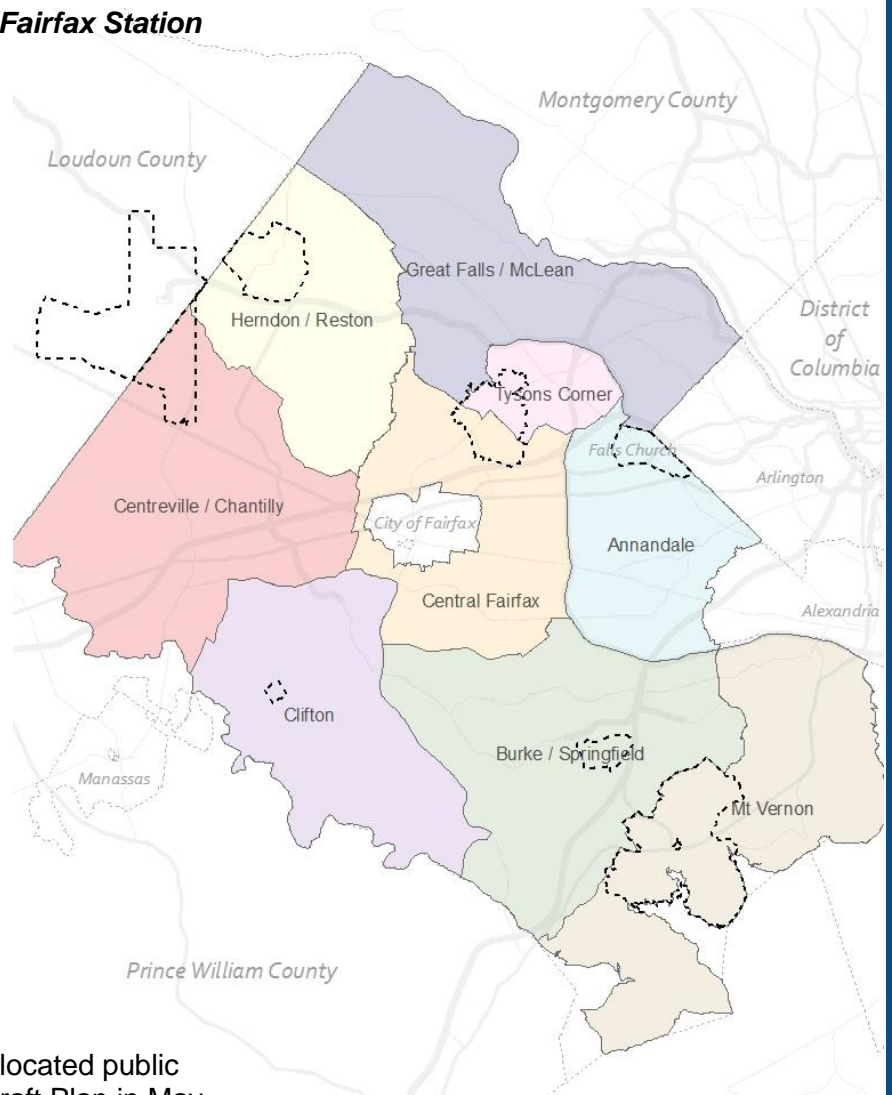
4. **Great Falls / McLean**
December 12, 2011

5. **Burke / Springfield**
January 24, 2012

6. **Annandale**
Mid February 2012

7. **Centerville / Chantilly**
Beginning of March, 2012

8. **Central Fairfax**
End of March, 2012



COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC MEETING

In addition, there will be two final centrally located public meetings to review and comment on the Draft Plan in May 2012.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Please visit the project website – www.tooledesign.com/fairfax – to complete the project survey, send a comment to the project team, and get the latest information on upcoming public meetings.

CONSULTANT TEAM:

