

Prince William County  
**TRAILS AND BLUEWAYS COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Board of County Supervisors

Meeting Minutes  
 January 25, 2022; 6:30 pm  
**Approved by the TBC on February 22, 2022**

**Attendance**

District	Appointee	Present (in person)	Present (virtual)	Absent
At Large	Amy Latalladi-Fulton		✓	
	Bill McCarty			✓
Brentsville	Tom Coyle			✓
	Liz Cronauer	✓		
Coles	Mike DePue	✓		
	Joe Marshall	✓		
Gainesville	Duane Martin		✓	
	VACANT			
Neabsco	Jason Williams	✓		
	Rich Wilson	✓		
Potomac	VACANT			
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Occoquan	Eileen Sheridan			✓
	Neil Nelson	✓		
Woodbridge	David Brickley	✓		
	Lynda Silverstrand	✓		

**Call to Order**

After significant audio-visual challenges, the meeting called to order at 6:44 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of December Meeting Minutes.**

Minutes of the December meeting were approved through a passed motion.

### **Administrative Items.**

Rich Wilson, the new TBC member from the Neabsco District was introduced. This was his first in person TBC meeting. He has been in Prince William County since 1999 and is currently president of his HOA.

The TBC by-laws were distributed to all members prior to the meeting and an opportunity was provided for TBC members to ask questions. No questions were forthcoming.

TBC Meetings for the remainder of the year were announced: 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/21, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/15, 12/13. Most of these are on the fourth Tuesday of the month except for June, November and December which have been moved forward due to following holidays. The meeting dates were accepted through a motion that was passed by the TBC.

### **Citizens Time.**

Charlie Grymes was present. He encouraged members to speak to their district's Parks and Recreation counterpart and ask supervisors to make sure there is money earmarked for the Capital Improvement Plan in future years for trails and safe routes to parks.

### **County Agency Representatives' Time**

**PWC Parks, Recreation and Tourism.** Patti Pakkala.

- Landscape Architect started 1/24. Duties include designs of trails and parks.
- Will be posting Robert Boyd's vacant GIS Analyst position shortly.
- Forest Greens Golf Course disc golf course design approved
- Upcoming Development Application Reviews
  - PW Digital Gateway CPA
  - Williams Property (25 SF)
  - Compton Property (data center next to Manassas Mall)
  - Asked for feedback on proposed parks, trails and neighborhood assets
- Use Development Application Processing Schedule (DAPS) to keep abreast of these
  - please go to: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/pending-planning-cases>
- TBC Staff page will only show email addresses. The seal will be moved to the top of the page so as not to make the entries hard to read.
- Jason asked about the status on Occoquan and Neabsco Greenway bridges. Matt answered:
  - Occoquan Greenway Section 3 bridge – all permits in place and ready to procure
  - Section 6 bridge (Hoos Run) – design kickoff this month; estimate 12 months to create documents
  - Matt was invited to walk section 6 trails (as done on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> PWTSC hikes) – this will lead to the front-end work of confirming the route and revising Platts.
  - Section 4 – issued removal of old bridge
  - Andrew Leitch Park / Neabsco Greenway – 3 small bridges in design
  - Mike asked what will be different about these? – better crossings and updated designs
- David asked about status of Powell Creek Crossing and Cockpit Point
  - Matt said they are not yet moved to project status and
  - Patti added they were in paperwork holds. There are 120 projects spread across 8 staff.
- Matt will attend the Lake Ridge HOA meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe asked about the TBC webpage. There are broken links and old information and it under the Aquatic Centers for some non-obvious reason. Patti said this would all be fixed.

**PWC Department of Planning.** Connie Dalton.

- Two big community planning meetings: Please provide inputs.
  - January 20 –Community Meeting –Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District  
<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/data-center-overlay-district-comprehensive-review>
  - January 27 – Community Meeting –PW Digital Gateway CPA  
<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/pw-digital-gateway>
- Duane asked for data center experts to provide security concerns and limitations of data centers. Connie said she could not get them to attend a meeting. TBC members, if interested, should participate in public comment meetings or submit comments/questions on project web page(s). This will drive what goes into the overlay district and comprehensive plan updates.
- Liz asked for info on data centers and Connie referred her to the DAPS application.

**Transportation.** Allan Yu.

- Finalizing goals and action strategies in the Mobility Chapter
- Developing alternatives for the Mobility Chapter to test and compare using the County Model
- Bike to Work Day will be Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. 7 of 9 pit stops that are planned are nailed down and the other two expected firm by February 1st: Manassas Park VRE, GMU, Dumfries, Woodbridge VRE, Chinn Center, Manassas VRE, Haymarket Bicycle, Rippon Landing VRE and Kelly Leadership Center

**Presentations**

**Comprehensive Plan/Mobility Chapter Update:** Patti/Connie

- Provided schedule for updates:
  - Current - Staff reviewing map comments (DPRT maps and online map)
  - Planning GIS working on map product
  - Staff working on draft policies and action strategies
  - January 26 –PC Work Session –Comprehensive Plan Update
  - February 2 –PC Work Session –Land Use Chapter
  - February 9 –PC Work Session –Housing Chapter
  - February 10 –Community Meeting –Comp Plan Update (Land Use, Housing, and Mobility)- opportunity to provide citizen comments in person or virtually. Visit web page for details.
  - February 23 –Planning Commission Work Session –Mobility Chapter – informational meeting
  - March – Planning Commission Public Meeting-TBD –
- The actual map will look different because of differences between the map programs
  - Greenways and Shared Use Paths will be differentiated throughout
  - Submitters of comments expected responses but map programs lost people info so there will be no feedback
  - New documents will be posted as available
- They will try to get us documents and maps for February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting sooner – but may only be hours.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings will be recorded.
- Group comments will be useful – focus on lines on the map and on gaps we see – prepare by figuring out what we expect to see when looking at 2008 Comprehensive Plan
- Plan is more integrated and guides day to day efforts

**Member's process for making comments and schedule:** Liz lead this discussion

- Goal: Develop TBC consensus inputs for consideration
- Could not be developed at single monthly meeting
- Need a subcommittee to draft comments and present at next two meetings
- Motion to create the subcommittee was made, seconded and passed.
- Subcommittee meetings must be advertised
- According to by-laws, Liz is chair of any subcommittee
- Anyone wanting to be on the subcommittee should tell Liz tonight (Neil, Mike, Jason, Joe) or email her after the meeting and prior to the subcommittee meeting.
- Meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>. (This was later changed to 6 PM due to scheduling issues.) Patti will arrange for the room at Helwig.
- We will have in hand material from the February 10<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting
- Homework before meeting: 2008 Comp Plan Trails Section, Non-motorized transport.
- There was discussion of the resolution from a previous meeting to provide a vote on the comprehensive plan maps and mobility section. After various discussions, it was decided this will be handled through work from the subcommittee.

**234/Brentsville Road Interchange Overview:** George / Allan

- The intersection is congested today
- The Project is being administered by Prince William County Department of Transportation using the Design-Build delivery method.
- The project is financed using regional funds from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), and the budget is approximately \$54.9 million.
- Final Design Approval and Right of Way Acquisition: Summer 2022
- Estimated Project Complete Date: Spring 2024
- Slides presented showing project elements especially shared use paths and roadways
- Questions? Contact:
  - Allan Yu, Senior Planner of PWCDOT.
  - Mary Ankers, P.E., Project Manager of PWCDOT
- Brentsville Road Project information:  
<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/transportation/current-road-projects>
- Link to the public hearing for Brentsville:  
<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/transportation/route-234-brentsville-road-interchange-project>
- Joe asked why the project does not follow the current comprehensive plan in providing stubs at its boundaries for the shared use path (class 1) that is supposed to go north on the 234 Bypass and the shared use path (class 1) that will go west on Brentsville Road?
- This appears to have been ignored by the project. After significant discussion, it was decided to create a motion summarizing the TBC concerns:
  - Whereas the Prince William Comprehensive Plan shows a Class 1 path along the length of Route 234 and its bypass from I-95 to I-66, and
  - Whereas the current Route 234 and Brentsville Road Project does not include this Class 1 path or any accommodations for its future extensions,
  - Therefore, the PWC Trails and Blueways Council recommends to the Prince William Board of Supervisors that a Class 1 path be accommodated to continue north on the Route 234 Bypass to the north limit of the project scope.
  - Motion was passed and will be forwarded to all supervisors.

- There was also significant discussion about the shared use paths in the plan and their crossings over non-signal-controlled lanes of high-speed traffic. David asked for more info and George said he would check with Mary for comments so the TBC could review and decide whether another resolution about this project would be required.
- Duane asked if this intersection was used enough by pedestrians and bicyclists. Several members provided personal observations that it was. Liz noted that the interchange is a hub for existing and future trails connecting the Route 234 Bypass Trail to: Route 28 and Eastern PW County via the Liberia/PW Parkway Trail: City of Manassas via Dumfries Road trail: and Western PW County via Brentsville Rd trail. George said he would ask VDOT for their traffic analysis.

**FY2023 Budget and Trail Project Update: Patti**

- Proposed FY2023 budget going to BOCS on 2/9; current below
- Current adopted budget provided
- Approved CIP (including provided budget) is available at:  
[https://www.pwcva.gov/assets/2021-07/aFY22--16--CIP00--CIP\\_1.pdf](https://www.pwcva.gov/assets/2021-07/aFY22--16--CIP00--CIP_1.pdf)
- Bond funds are included and “Neabsco District Park” is NOT referring to the boardwalk, it is referencing the bond project which is for a new adventure park in the Neabsco District (likely in, or in the vicinity of, the Dale City Small Area Plan).
- David reported that there is major money for Virginia parks from Governor Northam’s last budget. He wanted to know that there was staff that could after this money. Patti stated that a dedicated grant person was just signed.

**Organization Representatives’ Time**

**Greater Prince William Trails Coalition.** Eileen Sheridan.  
No report.

**Prince William Trails & Streams Coalition.** Neil Nelson.  
A cleanup is planned for Neabsco Creek wetland at Metz Park on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Members' Time:**

- Amy – Big thank you to Liz for running meeting. Welcome to Rich
- Liz – Thank you to all for a good meeting. Very excited about 2/15 subcommittee meeting. Wishes Amy speedy recovery.
- Mike – Patti requested to advertise 2/15 subcommittee meeting
- Joe – In publicizing the Landfill Eco trail in his subdivision, Joe was contacted by a scout master who claimed the outdoor classrooms were created by his troop. He offered to revisit and repair them and Joe asked about the best process to move this forward. He was directed to pass the contact information along to Patti for action.
- Jason – Welcomed Rich Wilson
- Rich – Commended all on a nice meeting.
- Lynda – discussed documenting all trash coming out in conjunction with the March 5<sup>th</sup> cleanup
- Neil – The Lake Ridge HOA would be meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and vote on the new Hoos Run Crossing on the Occoquan Greenway trail.
- Duane – Discussed conflicts between stream bank renovation and trail crossings and how one often ruins the other. He has seen less traffic beyond one point on Bull Run as a crossing is an impediment to most. Asked what the best mechanisms are to fix. Patti explained that maintenance and improvements are both capital needs and the big need is maintenance. Connie suggested talking to the county Stormwater Management people.

**Next meetings:**

Both at Hellwig: Full TBC - February 22 at 6:30 PM. TBC Subcommittee – February 15 at 6 PM.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM