



STAFF REPORT

**Planning
Commission
July 24, 2017**

Title:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CPA #17-02 - Cycle Track on Herndon Parkway. Amend the Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan adopted August 12, 2008 as amended through January 13, 2015 to establish a concept for a cycle track on the east side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park and incorporate by reference the Design Concept for a Cycle Track report and supporting documents prepared by AECOM (dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017). Section 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia requires the local planning commission to prepare and recommend by resolution a comprehensive plan for adoption by the local governing body. The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to guide the present and future physical development of the town to promote the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

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Summary:

This comprehensive plan amendment was initiated by the town council on July 11, 2017 by Resolution 17-G-64. The planning commission will consider plan amendment CPA #17-02 and make a recommendation to the town council after holding a public hearing. This is a limited plan amendment establishing a cycle track along a portion of Herndon Parkway, from the W&OD Trail southward to the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core (HTOC). Attachment 2a is an aerial map of the cycle track location. The HTOC is part of the adopted comprehensive plan and it includes a cycle track along Herndon Parkway as well as other sidewalk and trail elements. This plan amendment does not affect the base land use that is planned for any property within the town.

Section 15.2-2223 of the Code of Virginia requires the local planning commission to prepare and recommend a comprehensive plan for adoption by the local governing body. The recommendation is to be in the form of a resolution. The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to guide the present and future physical development of the town to promote the health, safety and welfare of its residents. Section 15.2-2229 states that the governing body shall act within 90 days of the planning commission's recommending resolution on a plan amendment.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that the planning commission approve the attached resolution for CPA #17-02, recommending this minor plan amendment to the town council.

Background:

The planning effort related to this plan amendment was sponsored by the Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI). The Town Council appointed council member Sheila Olem and the Planning Commission appointed commissioner Paul LeReche to serve on an advisory committee related to the effort. One important aspect of the committee's discussion was emphasis on the town pursuing both the Cycle Track along Herndon Parkway and the Sugarland Run Trail as included in the town's comprehensive plan. The enhancement of connectivity through the realization of both of these facilities was seen as highly important for the town.

The Cycle Track will connect to the Metrorail Station from Herndon Parkway via the Metro Promenade. The Sugarland Run Trail makes a connection southward from Spring Street along the planned extension of Fairbrook Drive, returning to Herndon Parkway along Fairbrook Drive and branching off to a lengthy section of trail planned along the south side of several HTOC properties per the comprehensive plan. This section of the Sugarland Run Trail lies near to the Dulles Toll Road right of way and it makes a direct connection to the Metrorail entrance pavilion.

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Attachments:

1. Town Council Initiating Resolution for CPA#17-02, July 11, 2017
2. Planning Commission Recommending Resolution for CPA #17-02, August 7, 2017 with Location Map (Attachment 2a) and Proposed Comprehensive Plan text (Attachment 2b)
Available on www.herndon-va.gov:
3. Design Concept for a Cycle Track on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail, prepared by AECOM, dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017
4. Case Studies for a Cycle Track on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail, prepared by AECOM, dated September 20, 2016

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

JULY 11, 2017

Resolution- to initiate authorization to consider a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to establish a concept for a cycle track on the east side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park and incorporate the Design Concept for a Cycle Track report and supporting documents prepared by AECOM (dated September 20, 2016) by reference.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, that:

1. The Town Council initiates consideration of the requested comprehensive plan amendment in accordance with Sec. 78-200.2. Planning Commission, Town of Herndon Zoning Ordinance (2007).
2. The Town Council requests the review by the Planning Commission and refers the proposed amendment to the Planning Commission for recommendation in accordance with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2229. Amendments.
3. Public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice requires the Town Council's consideration of this proposed measure.

17-G-64 [a certified copy of the approved resolution signed by Town Clerk is on file]

**TOWN OF HERNDON
PLANNING COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

August 7, 2017

Resolution - CPA #17-02. Recommending and Certifying Comprehensive Plan Amendment #17-02 Cycle Track on Herndon Parkway to the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission for the Town of Herndon that:

1. On July 11, 2017, the town council referred the proposed amendment to the planning commission for public hearing and recommendation in accordance with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2229. Amendments.
2. The planning commission has reviewed the plan amendment and after public hearing recommends CPA #17-02 to the town council. The amendment consists of the attached map and text amendments (1 page each) to the Transportation chapter as well as supporting documents to be incorporated by reference into the comprehensive plan.
3. CPA #17-02 amends the Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan adopted August 12, 2008, as amended through January 13, 2015 to establish a concept for a cycle track on the east side of Herndon Parkway for approximately 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park and to incorporate by reference the Design Concept for a Cycle Track report and supporting documents prepared by AECOM and dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017.

This resolution shall be effective on and after its date of adoption.

**Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA #17-02:
Site Location for a Cycle Track
on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for
2,000' South of the W&OD Trail**



June 19, 2017

Draft Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA#17-02 to establish a design concept for a cycle track on the east side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park

Proposed Plan Text, July 24, 2017

1. Transportation Chapter, current Page IX-5, insert as part of paragraph 6 pertaining to the Master Trails Plan:

“f. Use the Design Concept for a Cycle Track on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail, prepared by AECOM, dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017 as a general reference guide for enhancing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core and the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park.”

2. Transportation Chapter, current page IX-6, insert as part of paragraph 1 pertaining to the Dulles Corridor Rail Station, after sentence 3:

“In addition to projects shown in the Capital Improvement Program, use the Design Concept for a Cycle Track on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail, prepared by AECOM, dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017 as a general reference guide for enhancing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the Herndon Transit-Oriented Core and the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park.”

3. To be adopted by resolution as a supporting document to the comprehensive plan:

- a. Design Concept for a Cycle Track on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail, prepared by AECOM, dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017.
- b. Case Studies for a Cycle Track on the East Side of Herndon Parkway for 2,000 feet south of the Washing and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail, prepared by AECOM, dated September 20, 2016, revised July 14, 2017.