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NewsFlash



Public Information Meeting on Franklin Park to Purcellville Trail Project

Virtual Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 6-7 pm

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Franklin Park to Purcellville Trail

**Virtual Public
Information Meeting**

February 23, 2022

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Transportation and
Capital Infrastructure



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Members of the public are invited to join the virtual meeting to learn, ask questions and provide input about the project.

The proposed trail will begin as a 10' wide shared-use-path at Franklin Park and travel north alongside Franklin Park Drive. At the intersection with Main Street (Business Route 7), the trail will cross to the north side of the street, utilizing a raised concrete median barrier for increased pedestrian safety. The trail will then continue east along the north side of Main Street into the Town of Purcellville, reducing in width from a 10' wide shared-use-path to a 5' wide sidewalk as it enters the Town limits. This proposed sidewalk will terminate at the intersection of Main Street and N 28th Street, where it will tie in with the existing sidewalk.

Currently, this \$6 million dollar project is only funded for design with actual construction funding planned for a "Future Fiscal Year" (meaning more than 6 years out); **however**, I have requested acceleration of all construction funding for this project from the "Future Fiscal Year" category within the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), to a designated Fiscal Year (FY) within the County's CIP, 6 year funding plan (meaning within the next 6 years). If my request is approved, I anticipate the projects construction funding will be accelerated to either FY 2027 or FY 2028. I want to thank the Towns of Round Hill and Purcellville for submitting a combined letter of support for my construction funding acceleration request. At last night's CIP Budget work session meeting, I was able to convince my colleagues to vote in favor of directing County staff to identify funding scenarios that could accommodate my acceleration request and to report their findings at the Board's March 2, 2022, final CIP Budget work session, where I will attempt to gain final approval for a funding acceleration scenario for this important project that will:

- Leverage current progress of the Round Hill to Franklin Park Trail project in order to continue this connection all the way to Purcellville.

- Complete an important segment of the Loudoun's Countywide Linear Parks & Trails program.
- Provide a new and safe pedestrian friendly connection from the W&OD Trail in Purcellville to the Town of Round Hill.
- Get one step closer to our future vision of providing a pedestrian friendly connection from the W&OD Trail in Purcellville, all the way to the Appalachian Trail.

Login information and meeting materials are available for review at:

- loudoun.gov/franklinparktrail
- loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation

Meeting materials include a concept design as well as speaker sign-up and comment forms. Members of the public must sign up in advance to ask questions during the event by February 22, 2022, at 12:00 pm.

Online participants may also send questions to the project team as Q&A messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows.





About the Project:

The Franklin Park to Purcellville Trail project will provide access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic from the Franklin Park recreational facilities to the existing sidewalk in downtown Purcellville to enhance access and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

This project is a vital part of the sidewalk and shared-use-path project that will connect Round Hill to Purcellville to the W&OD Trail.

For more information about the Franklin Park to Purcellville Trail project, including a link to sign up for updates about the project and details about the upcoming public meeting, visit

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