

McLean Citizens Association



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McLean Area Walkways and Trails

December 7, 2016

Whereas, Fairfax County manages and funds maintenance and new construction projects associated with a portion of the walkway system inside the County, including the McLean area; and

Whereas, the walkway system in Fairfax County consists of sidewalks, trails and pedestrian bridges, along with their associated steps, handrails, handicapped ramps or signs; and

Whereas, while the McLean Citizens Association (MCA), in an April 2014 resolution related to a 2013 County walkway assessment, urged “the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to prioritize the expenditure of County funds allocated for maintenance on sidewalks and trails that the study has determined are in poor condition, and to publish a strategic plan to meet maintenance requirements no later than the end of Fiscal Year 2015,” no strategic plan for maintenance, which should cover costs and schedules, has been published; and

Whereas, in a January 29, 2016 letter to the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Chairman of the Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalk Committee referred to: (a) “a network value of over \$200 million for County maintained trail facilities,” (b) “a backlog of \$3 million to provide critical improvements,” and (c) the need to fund maintenance, avoid safety risks and expand trail links, all to attract millennials and Fortune 500 companies; and

Whereas, major maintenance needs for existing walkways include:

- Repairs for the existing walkway near Georgetown Pike (Rt. 193) and Dead Run that is often swampy and virtually impassable, and
- Repairs for the existing walkway near Georgetown Pike (Rt. 193) just west of Ridge Road that often is under water and muddy; and

Whereas, for new project construction for pedestrians, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has designated \$110 million in federal, state and county funding to cover, for example:

- Construction of a walkway along the steep, curvy and dangerous section of Baron Road (between Douglass Drive and Ingleside Ave at the Dead Run Walkway), which will begin in approximately January 2018 and be finished by June 2018, and
- Construction of a walkway along Dolley Madison Boulevard (Rt. 123) between Great Falls Street and Anderson Road, which is near the McLean Metro station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association recognizes the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for increasing funding for walkway maintenance, for addressing McLean area walkway needs, and for recently providing walkway improvements in view of budget constraints; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to issue in FY 2017 a strategic plan covering annual costs and schedules to adequately:

- Maintain walkways (as MCA urged in April 2014 to be completed by FY 2015), including all those identified in 2013 as being in poor condition, and
- Pursue new construction projects for walkways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the McLean Citizens Association urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to identify in early 2017 the funding required for FY 2018 maintenance for locations in the McLean area, and to publicize in FY 2017 the specific costs and schedules through FY 2020 for all McLean area sidewalk maintenance, to help ensure transparency for planned safer and more usable walkways.

*Approved by MCA Board of Directors
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