

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
INFORMATION ITEM**

SUBJECT: Sidewalk and Trail Program Overview

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: At the pleasure of the Committee

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PURPOSE: To provide an update to the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) on the Sidewalk and Trail Program.

BACKGROUND: Loudoun County aspires to be a place where pedestrians and bicyclists of all abilities have a safe, secure and convenient network of walkways and bikeways that enable its citizens and visitors to move efficiently to and from places such as work, schools, mass transit access, shopping centers, libraries, and local and regional parks. For FY 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the Sidewalk and Trail Program as a part of the Capital Improvement Program. The Sidewalk and Trail Program received funding of \$185,000 in FY 2019 for initial scoping and prioritization with planning, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction beginning in FY2022. The Sidewalk and Trail Program provides for planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of improvements for approximately three to five miles of sidewalks and trails per year.

In 2018, the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) initiated a Countywide study to identify and prioritize missing sidewalks and shared use paths in an effort to accelerate the delivery of projects, and propose a proactive approach to ensure adequate resources and programmatic methodology to efficiently implement projects. This study is still in progress and focuses on the planning and engineering design considerations, estimated planning level costs, and impacts to property owners, utility facilities and public right-of-ways. The evaluation of improvements will be prioritized to support the Silver Line Metrorail and multi-modal infrastructure as identified in the CTP as well as linkages to the Washington & Old Dominion Trail.

During the February 19, 2020 TLUC meeting, staff will provide a more in-depth overview of the program through a presentation to the committee.