ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP

Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program, Facility Inventory, SGR Bridges, Roadway Reconfiguration

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Background

• September 2015, Seven permanent counter installed along the Capital Trail in Henrico and Charles City County

• December 2015 first on street installation on Memorial Ave in Roanoke

• Virginia Transportation Research Council completed report “Assessing the Feasibility of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Count Program in Virginia” in August 2018
Background

- 2018 mobile counting equipment acquired to begin testing and performing short duration counts using tubes and passive infrared
Count numbers

- **12** - Permanent counters
  - 8 Capital Trail
  - 1 Eastern Shore
  - 1 Roanoke Memorial Bridge
  - 2 Town of Blacksburg
- **86** – Short duration counts
- **98** – Total locations counted
Selection and Duration

• Use for planning studies and concrete decision making when possible
• Otherwise, select a variety of facility types and contexts
• Standard duration has been at least 14 full days (this is a total of 16 days at a location due to omitting the installation and retrieval dates)
• If no reason to move counter we don’t
• We don’t keep counter in the office, just set it up somewhere local and wait for another opportunity or request
We are performing screenline counts with this equipment

Figure 3. Recommended Location for Screenline Counts

Can Count

- Low volume, bicycle boulevard type roadways without on street parking
- Shared use paths
- Sidewalks with a buffer strip with signs
- Cycle tracks / two way bike lanes
- Worn paths where a sidewalk is missing

Cannot Count

- Crosswalks
- Intersections
- On street on busy roads
- Roads with on street parking (unless locality provides on street cable protectors)
- Shoulders / bike lanes with sidewalk on the back of curb
Twin Hickory – Henrico County
Van Dorn St – City of Alexandria
Llewelyn Ave – City of Norfolk
City of Richmond – Floyd Ave – Mixed Traffic
Damascus - Creeper Trail
Bluemont Way – Reston – Fairfax County
South Lake – Reston – Fairfax County
Hermitage Rd - City of Richmond
Williamsburg Rd - City of Richmond
Commuting Pattern

• **Weekday hourly profile on the left showing the normal AM and PM peaks**

• **Weekend hourly profile on the right showing a build up throughout the day**
• Hourly profile on weekday on the Franklin two way bike lane by direction.

• The green line is peaking eastbound in the morning hours.

• The black line is peaking westbound in the evening.

• You can see the typical AM and PM peaks and that most users are commuting from the west towards downtown in the morning and back home in the evening.
Next Steps

- Development of factor groups
- Development of seasonal adjustment factors
- More robust data analysis including design and use of facilities
- Better understanding of where permanent counters are needed as reference points
- More targeted deployment plan
- More integration with STARS studies and other corridor studies
- More before and after studies for new facilities
- More integration of local counts including TrafX
- Count Request Form
NON-QUALIFYING ITEMS Some examples of work items that do not qualify for SGR funds are provided below:

4. Bridge widening to accommodate bicycle or pedestrian facilities unless the approach roadway already has such facilities
SGR Bridges
A new map is available titled the "Virginia Interactive Bicycle Web Map". This ArcGIS online map provides some new information and also combines data from other sources into one place. Available layers include bicycle facilities, train station information, U.S. Bicycle Routes, unpaved roads, roadways prohibited to bicyclists, and traffic volumes. Please review these maps for accuracy in your area and provide corrections and feedback here.
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Roadway Reconfiguration Guidelines
Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Newsletter

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Welcome to the 12th edition of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program e-mail newsletter. This newsletter announces the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings and provides updates on other bicycle and pedestrian activities. Contact information can be found on the website or at the bottom of each newsletter. Feel free to e-mail any information or photos you'd like included in future newsletters. For more information visit Virginia's Statewide Bicycling and Pedestrian Program webpage which includes maps, laws and safety tips, and information on places to travel.

Please share this newsletter with others who can use this link to add their e-mail address to the distribution list.

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Part of the Custis Trail has been widened.

About a quarter-mile of the Custis Trail along southbound Lee Highway (Route
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