Transportation Staff Updates

BikeWalk Cville - The City's Education and Encouragement Program

- **Next Neighborhood Walk**: May's Neighborhood Walk: Rose Hill
  - Please join Zoe and Tori for this special Mother's Day walk through the Rose Hill Community
- Bike Month
  - **Saturday City Maket Bike Ride** – The time has moved up to 9am!
  - The BikeCville website has been updated
  - The Eco-Fair & TomTom Fest Bike Valets were a success, as was the first Friday's After 5 valet (we had over 50 bikes at one point!)
  - Bike to School Day saw a lot of kids on bikes
  - Over 300 people attended Family Bike Day and we gave out over 100 helmets.
  - There are lot of events scheduled for the rest of the month including the following bike repair clinics:
    - May 7th - Endeavor Cycles
    - May 14th - DSG House of Sport
    - May 21st - Blue Wheel Bicycles
    - May 28th - Blue Ridge Cyclery

CVille eBike Pilot Voucher Program

- February staff presentation to council: YouTube recording
- 25 (out of 36) recipients picked up their voucher but only 17 redeemed it.
- Round #2 closed on April 30th with over 800 submissions, 500 more than Round #1
  - 7 recipients picked up their voucher already

PW Paving Plan – Public Viewer for Pavement Plan

Scheduled Streets:

Park St. - Restriping is being paused while staff confirm the bike facility design

Melbourne Rd. to 250 Bypass Bridge.

Milling 4/28-5/1, Paving 5/1-5/6

Shamrock Rd.

Cherry Ave. to End

Milling 5/1-5/7, Paving 5/6-5/9

Angus Rd.

Emmet St. to Ricky Rd

Milling 5/7-5/10, Paving 5/10-5/14

Ricky Rd.

Angus Rd. To City Limits

Milling 5/7-5/10, Paving 5/10-5/14

City Infrastructure Projects - Our Bike/Ped Master Plan calls for a number of new facilities. Transportation and Mobility | Charlottesville, VA

- **5th St Road Diet/Bikeway**: PW Engineering is developing an initial phase of the project, for deployment in 2026, that will implement a road diet and protected bike space on 5th St using limited interventions. This initial phase is being proposed to test traffic modeling assumptions prior to full project implementation.
- **Rose Hill Drive**: PW will be repaving Rose Hill Drive from Preston Avenue to Rugby Avenue in 2027. This will also result in a corridor-wide upgrade of pedestrian facilities to address ADA compliance issues. The preferred alternative is being presented at May's BPAC meeting.
- Locust Avenue Water Line Replacement Project
  - Flagging, detours and the bike lane closures are still in effect at times.
  - PW-Engineering is working with the Martha Jefferson Neighborhood (specifically the Locust Ave community on a Traffic Calming charette for June
- **West Main** – Public Utilities will start a 3 year project this summer between Rugby Ave and Ridge/McIntire in the West Main/University Ave corridor. There will be 5-6 phases with Phase 1 starting on University Ave this summer.
  - The Project Manager will provide more updates at June's BPAC meeting
- Cherry Avenue / Central Water Line (RWSA) –
  - Restoration plans have been reviewed and approved by the City. The current approved restoration plan is patch work; there is no streetscape plan being developed.
- **East High St Demonstration Project:**
  - This design came out of the TJPDC Move Safely Blue Ridge Regional Safety Action Plan. PW has purchased a temporary light for this project and are planning to install the demo for June 2026.
- **ADA Transition Plan** – the downtown curb ramps project was bid out last month and PW-Engineering plans to start on some of those within the next month
- **East High Streetscape Project** - Bids were due April 30, and we are tracking toward award in late spring.
- The Preston Harris/10th & Grady/Monticello & 2nd.**bundle bid** will start sometime in April.
- **Washington Park Trail**- Done here is a news story from the ribbon cutting
  - Charlottesville opens trail connection at Washington Park | News | cbs19news.com
- Downtown Mall Crossings- Road closure and construction .
- Trailblazer School- delayed until Summer 2027
- Meadow Creek Trail
  - **Upper Meadow Creek Trail-** Meadow Creek from Greenbrier Drive to VIA (old senior center)
    - Council allocated $1.5 million dollars for this project on Monday (the total for this project is close to $4.9 million) and the bid is being released soon
  - **Lower Meadow Creek Trail** - this project widens and adds stone dust to the new trail between Holmes and Locust/Pen Park.

        - Funding for the connection to Megan Crt is up in the air.
        - This is a very important connection since it would allow biker/pedestrians to avoid Rio Road, which has limited sidewalks and no bike facilities.
- **The YMCA Connector** – This is originally from the 2015 Bike/Ped Master Plan Bypass (hwy 250) Shared Use Path project.
    - 1st section: This is in site plan review with NDS and we hope to bid that in the Spring.
    - 2nd connection: Land acquisition is almost complete. Then we will need a final design and find funding to build. Maybe early 2027.
- **Hydraulic Road SUP** – This was originally part of Vdot's RoundAbout project but was nixed b/c of costs.
    - The consultant, Line and Grade, is still finalizing the Hydraulic Road piece. It's going very well, just stitching up a few technical items.

Sidewalk Priority List

- Capital costs for sidewalk priorities have been updated in the current draft Capital Improvement Plan for the City's budget. The now $11 million+ line item for sidewalk priorities (more than double last year's $5 million appropriation and more than twenty time the $500,000 in appropriated funds two years ago) funds construction of the sidewalk priorities adopted in 2024 over the five year period starting in fiscal year 2027.
- Worked this Summer with the Public Works Project Management team to identify candidate locations from the Sidewalk Priority List for the new concrete crew to start with. The team identified two projects on Blenheim Ave (between Avon St and Meridian St) and another on Montrose (between Avon St and Rialto St) as the prime candidates for this work and is beginning preliminary design and property coordination work in anticipation of the new concrete crew staff being hired, trained, and ready to build their first sidewalks.
    - Construction has started in the 700 block of Blenheim Ave.
    - The PW project managers are also working on moving the Tier I sidewalk projects forward at 9th St SW and on Prospect Ave.

Completed sidewalk projects

- St Clair (near Peartree Ln and Smith Street) Fall 2025
- A VDOT Revenue Sharing application was submitted in September to fund a Tier 2 sidewalk on Cedar Hill Rd. City Council supported this application by resolution in October. PW is moving forward with survey while we wait for state funding for construction, anticipating action by Commonwealth Transportation Board to finalize funding decisions in June.

SRTS Infrastructure projects

- New flashers are current being installed
- **School Zone Infrastructure:** SRTS infrastructure funds in FY2026 will be spent on the flashers mentioned above in school zones. As well as improvements at Summit Elementary
- Summit Elementary pilot to be deployed May 11th

- Summit public meeting was May 5th
- Speed enforcement camera expansion being considered by the city. What does this look like from an internal management and financial perspective.

Bike Parking - Need suggestions for covered and long-term bike parking but will reach out to CCS to see if they might be a good fit.

- PHASE #3 -materials have arrived but am now waiting for contractor availability, which looks like it will be June.
    - Approved bike corrals at the following locations
        - The Haven
        - The Corner
        - Bank of America on University Ave
- PHASE #4 – tentative plan to install bike corrals on some of the Dockless Mobility Hubs.
    - New approved bike corral locations
        - 2nd Street (at Otto)
        - University Ave (across from the Battle Building)
        - Main Street (The Doyle Hotel)
        - Main Street (The Standard)

Dockless Mobility Program - Veo is the City's only current vendor

- The City reviewed Veo Ride Inc's application for a new dockless mobility permit and issued a new permit on October 31, 2025. The new permit regulations require that Veo submits a **staffing plan**, a **marketing and public engagement plan**, and a **parking plan** within 30 days for City review and response. Staff have approved the Staffing and Marketing/Public Engagement Plan and received an updated Parking Operations Plan and reporting Template.
    - The City issued a one-month extension till June 1st, since we are still reviewing the Parking Operations plan.

Abandoned Bikes & Registry – We have decided to separate these two issues and move forward with the Bike Registry since there is more complexity with the Abandoned Bikes SOP. Right now we are planning to use BikeIndex (not Project529) but now is the time for BPAC's feedback.

Bike/Ped Counters - No updates.

CAT Bus Stop Planning

- Preliminary updates from the 2025 inventory of all CAT bus stops was presented at the CARTA board meeting on March 25.
- New bus stop locations are in engineering to serve the proposed 2A/2B configuration which will run southbound along Avon St from Monticello.
- The Rose Hill repaving plan includes opportunities to pilot improved interactions between bus stops and bikeways, with floating bus islands due to the significant right of way available.

Thomas Jefferson Planning District

- The MPO Policy Board met on March 20th to discuss several Smartscale projects
  - MPO Policy Board Special Meeting: March 20, 2026
- Next MPO Tech meeting: April 7th

VDOT Studies

- US 29 STARS Studies- two separate studies: one in the County and one in the City (between Barracks and Hydraulic). VDOT has shared initial options for updates to ramps at the US 250 bypass and an extension of Hillsdale Drive to connect to Holiday Drive and US 250, but has not provided dates for next steps for public engagement and alternative selection.
- STARS Study at W Main/Ridge/Water/South/Ridge-McIntire – City staff worked with VDOT and consultant staff to develop a draft recommended alternative that is similar to Alternative 2 (which included a protected cycletrack) but extends the cycletrack east down Water Street and maintains the contraflow bike lane on South Street. VDOT and City staff wconducted an additional round of engagement with downtown residents and businesses to get additional feedback on impacts from the recommended alternative. A summary of comments and technical considerations contributing to the final proposal will be shared with BPAC in June. Staff will be seeking a Council endorsement for the SMART SCALE application for state funding for the project in July.
- Two Pipeline Studies are underway. Both recently had surveys about existing conditions. VDOT is currently analyzing the results of the survey, before moving into alternatives development:
  - 5th St SW between Old Lynchburg Road and Harris Road
  - US 29 at I-64 Exit 118

Additional VDOT Projects - there are several VDOT projects in our community:

- Avon SUP: - Construction is planned to start in 2028
- Hydraulic Roundabout
- US-29 SUP
- 5th street Station Trail Hub
- Fontaine