Transportation Staff Updates

July's staff presentation to City Council: YouTube recording

BikeWalk Cville - The City's Education and Encouragement Program

- Next Neighborhood Walk: October's Neighborhood Walk – Barracks/Rugby
    - This will be a good opportunity for BPAC to discuss the upcoming changes to Gentry Lane and some of the calming projects from last year.
    - Saturday City Market Bike Ride – The time has moved back to 10am!
    - Helmets – we donated 30 bike helmets to the Charlottesville Early Learning Center (formerly Walker Upper Middle School) and another 20 to Community Bikes
    - The New CMS Bike Club has 10 participants this fall and are exploring our City Streets!

CVille eBike Pilot Voucher Program

- Ebike Voucher survey is complete and 72 (out of 112) recipients shared their thoughts on the program. We are putting some slides together now for our internal meeting next week when we evaluate if changes are needed for 2027
    - 27 out of the 36 Round #3 winners have picked up their voucher but only 11 have used it.
    - The survey is only from 2025 participants, so we don't have any data or feedback from this years winners. However, there has been a significant decrease in actual sales. The complexity of the new tiered approached has also made it much more difficult to oversee and staff is spending a lot more time managing the program.
- Next round of sign-ups: October 1-31st

Loop deVille Trail Fest – This was by far the most successful Loop deVille ever! Not only did more people hit the trails but the work that was put into making the sure the trail looked great was enormous. There are too many people that volunteered their time to list here but staff is very appreciative of their efforts!

- The City worked with the RTF and Cville Litter Pickers to host an RCA River RoundUp cleanup by the river on September 19th. 99% of the trash was removed from the encampments between September 1-5th but we hauled one ton of trash to the dump on the 19th and removed over 70 needles. Additional cleanups are scheduled for November.
- Staff worked with the RTF and CAMBC during the United Day of Caring on trail

projects related to the Loop deVille and TJPDC Rivanna River Basin Conference.

- **Loop deVille by the Numbers -**
  - **854** participants registered for Loop deVille this year
    - 156 Run the Loop FULL
    - 198 Hike the Loop FULL
    - 27 Ride the Loop SLOW
    - 97 Ride the Loop BRISK
    - 26 Ride the Loop FAST
    - 52 Run the Loop HALF
    - 78 Hike the Loop HALF
    - 22 Ride the SUPER LOOP
    - 5 Ride the SUPER DUPER LOOP
    - 128 MINI LOOP
  - **625** participants **checked in** (we are estimating that about 50 or so didn't checkin)
    - 115 Run the Loop FULL
    - 159 Hike the Loop FULL
    - 21 Ride the Loop SLOW
    - 69 Ride the Loop BRISK
    - 18 Ride the Loop FAST
    - 40 Run the Loop HALF
    - 61 Hike the Loop HALF
    - 20 Ride the SUPER LOOP
    - 4 Ride the SUPER DUPER LOOP
    - 104 MINI LOOP
  - There were over 80 Trail Guides and 130 volunteers at the various Cheer Zones across the City.

City Infrastructure Projects - Transportation and Mobility | Charlottesville, VA

- Intersection Bundle is in full swing and staff are starting to see progress at Preston Harris / 10th and Grady / Monticello 2nd – boring is complete, setting junction boxes and ped pole foundations. Once that's complete we'll start seeing demo and concrete work happening
- Locust Avenue Traffic Calming
  - PW-Engineering is working with the Martha Jefferson Neighborhood (specifically the Locust Ave community) on a Traffic Calming charette.
- **West Main Utility Project** – 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.
    - West Main Phase one will be wrapping up in total by October 15th. Only pavement and clean-up to complete.
    - Phase 2 – Ridge Street to 8th, including the Starr Hill Neighborhood, is currently in design with a proposed start of July 2027.
        - Phase 2 will be gas and water main replacement and is proposed to be night work.
- **East High Streetscape** - We is reducing d the scope after the bids came in way too high and undergrounding the overhead utilities is no longer included. We have also removed the water main betterment since DPU will handle that portion, and we will handle the streetscape.
    - Kimley Horn is working on the design updates. We will put the project back out to bid once DPU finishes the betterment work.
- **Fifeville traffic calming** - options are being refined based on additional data collection and resident feedback
- **The 5th Street bikeway -** this demo (lane closure) option is on hold due to other external projects.
- **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.
    - This project has been postponed until next year (personnel constraints made us miss the very narrow implementation window).
- Emmett Streetscape - no updates
- **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 lat month (the total for this project is close to $4.9 million) and the bid is being released soon
        - The IFB is under review and should be released next month.
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    - Lower Meadow Creek Trail - this project widens and adds stone dust to the new trail between Holmes and Locust/Pen Park.
        - Will hopefully go to bid within a month.
        - Funding for the connection to Megan Crt is up in the air.
- Shared Use Path along the Rt 250 bypass from John Warner Pkwy to Brandywine/Hydraulic.
    - The YMCA Connector – This is from the 2015 Bike/Ped Master Plan.

These projects when complete will provide a
    - 1st section: This is in site plan review with NDS and P&R hopes to bid that in the Spring.
    - 2nd connection: Land acquisition is complete. P&R still needs a final design and 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.
- **Sidewalks**
  - 9th and Forest Hills cross walk improvements was just staked out and ready for our City sidewalk crew to start, staff informed them that work is ready so hopefully in the next week or 2 they will move over there to start that
  - Prospect Ave sidewalk is in the RW phase, design is in the final stages. Plan to have the City Crew do this work as well, depending on what the weather is like this winter, we can kick construction off when the season opens up in '27
  - Finishing updates to the Sidewalk Priorities webpage to reflect adopted FY2027 capital budget priorities for sidewalks. This will be updated again during the budget development cycle this winter.
  - Blenheim Ave is complete. Montrose should be completely wrapped up this week. All concrete work is done.
  - Public Works is developing maintenance of traffic plans for construction of sidewalk on Prospect Ave, coordinating that work with the neighboring project on 9th St.
  - Projects slated for design and/or construction in FY2027 are being set up for contractor procurement through Public Works.

SRTS Infrastructure

- Summit Elementary- Things have been and continue to be safe and successful.
- Gentry Ln / School Street- Gentry Ln (in front of the school building) is being converted to a "School Street" at the end of October
- Sunrise- We are working on improving conditions on St Clair for families who walk and bike to school. The situation there is similar to what was happening at Summit. The first step/intervention is for the school to send home messaging to families about their driving behavior. After that, we will observe the impact and take other steps to improve safety, if necessary.

Bike Infrastructure

- Bike Parking - No updates
- Bike Registry – No updates
- Bike/Ped Counters – No updates

Dockless Mobility Permit Program

- The City approved Veo's parking plan in June, which includes prohibitions on parking on sidewalks and fines for users found to be parking improperly.
    - Approval of plans required under the permit regulations allows Veo to operate under their permit through 2028.
    - City staff updated the dockless mobility permit webpage to share the approved plans and will provide monthly performance reports to BPAC.

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 permitting with VDOT and the City 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.

VDOT Studies

- US 29 STARS Studies- VDOT STARS study on US 29, including the interchange at US 250 Bypass, will have a survey beginning in October to review the potential alternatives. The alternatives will include an extension of Hillsdale Dr south to the US 250 Bypass, closure of underutilized ramps, and changes to the Hydraulic and US 250 intersection.
- 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 conducted an additional round of engagement with downtown residents and businesses to get additional feedback on impacts from the recommended alternative. Council endorsed the recommended alternative in June, and staff has submitted the project as an application for SMART SCALE funding.
- VDOT is working with the City and Albemarle County to identify the next areas for

study through their STARS and Pipeline study processes. In August, VDOT informed the MPO policy board that it would be moving forward with studies at these locations:
    - Preston Ave at Ridge-McIntire Rd
    - US 29 at Airport Rd
    - US 29 at I-64
- Additional VDOT Managed Projects - there are several VDOT projects in our community:
    - Avon SUP
        - Public meeting – October 22nd at Monticello HS
        - Construction is planned to start in 2028
    - Hydraulic Roundabout
    - US-29 SUP
    - 5th street Station Trail Hub
    - Fontaine - Fontaine Streetscape is being managed by VDOT as part of a package of projects, including the Fontaine/US 29 interchange improvements and the District Avenue roundabout. The local VDOT team is working through final contracting details to ensure that the two Fontaine projects can be connected and to determine if the City's sidewalk project on Cedar Hill Dr (which was awarded state funding) could be included as part of the construction for District Avenue. The City should hear from VDOT on the determination resolving those two items this month, along with a schedule for next steps.