Agenda

- Housekeeping and Introductions
- Panelist Presentations
  - Paul Gilbert – Nova Parks
  - Aaron Goldbeck – DDOT
- Audience Q&A
- Closing Remarks
Poll Question 1

Describe the accessibility of recreational trails near you during the pandemic response.

- Easy to access and not crowded
- Easy to access but crowded
- Hard to access but not crowded
- Hard to access and crowded
Housekeeping

- Please enter questions into the Q&A box, select “To All Panelists”
- Today’s presentation will be available on the George Mason transportation site at [http://transportation.gmu.edu](http://transportation.gmu.edu)
- Tweet along with the Coalition for Smarter Growth:  
  - @BetterDCRegion #ActiveNova
- Call in Info: 415-655-0003  
  - Access code: 613 109 590#
Poll Question 2

Which of the following describe how you feel about using shared micromobility devices in the new environment caused by COVID-19?

- Concerned about cleanliness of shared devices
- Fun to use for socially distanced recreation
- Good option for changed travel patterns
- Safer alternative to traditional transit or rideshare
- Makes up for inability to buy my own bike because of the bike shortage
Today’s Panelists

Paul Gilbert
Executive Director – Nova Parks

Aaron Goldbeck
Transportation Planner and Micromobility Specialist – DDOT
Active Transportation for Recreation During COVID-19

Paul Gilbert, Nova Parks
W&OD Trail Use During the Pandemic

- Data on westbound users at Bon Air Park in Arlington, collected April 1st – May 26th
- Overall use was up by 36% compared to 2018
- Peak days even more pronounced:
  - May 2nd – Use up 207% with a peak of 5,427 west bound users
  - May 17th – Use up 417%
  - May 20th – Use up 267%
- 8 days topped 4,000 users
About the W&OD Trail

- Owned and operated by Nova Parks
- Stretches 45 miles from Shirlington to Purcellville
- Built in the 1980s as a recreational trail
- Today sees an estimated 2-3 million trips per year, making it the busiest trail in Virginia
W&OD Dual Trail Project

- An approach to make urban sections of the W&OD work better
- Separates cyclists and pedestrians to reduce conflicts
- Benefits include:
  - Improved safety
  - Improved transportation flow
  - Improved stormwater management
  - Better experience for all users
W&OD Dual Trail Timeline

- Construction on the first section in Falls Church begins in August
- Second section for Arlington will be designed in the next couple years
- Funded by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)
- Eventually, this approach may be in place in all the urban hubs along the trail
Pandemic Related Changes in Micromobility in Washington, DC
Aaron Goldbeck, DDOT
Capital Bikeshare Usage Changes During the COVID-19 Period

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Eligibility

Capital Bikeshare for All is available to residents of Washington, DC; Arlington, VA; Alexandria, VA; Prince George’s County, MD; Fairfax County, VA; City of Falls Church, VA; and Montgomery County, MD ages 18 and older who qualify for a state or federal assistance program including, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women Infants, and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), SSI/SSDI Supplemental Security Income, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Medicaid.

We accept the following forms for program qualification:

- EBT Card
- Discounted utility bill dated in last 30 days
- SSI/SSDI Statement of benefits
- Medicaid Card

Sign Up

Ready to start riding? Join now! Register here, and we’ll be in touch shortly to confirm your qualifications have been approved.

For Montgomery County qualified programs, please contact MCDOT at 240-777-8380 or email commuter.services@montgomerycountymd.gov.

In-Person Support:
Community Partners Program
ebikes
DC Slow Streets Initiative

- Goal is to support neighborhood-based, safe social distancing while walking, running, or cycling
- Slow Streets are restricted to local traffic only, and the speed limit is set at 15 miles per hour
- All 8 Wards, 5 miles
- More to come
DC 20 by 22 Initiative

- Citywide speed limit reduction to 20mph
- 5 miles of PBLs planned for each year 2020-2022
- 20 miles of new PBLs total
- Crosstown PBL pictured right, along Irving St NW just north of Children’s Hospital complex & historic McMillan Reservoir
Audience Q&A

- We will select questions from the Q&A box

- When posting a question, please select “To All Panelists”
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