

Summary of Public Information Meeting
Route 29 Northbound Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements
From Vaden Drive to Nutley Street in Fairfax County
State Project: 0029-029-414, P101, R201, C501, D614
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On March 5, 2019, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a public information meeting to present the preliminary design for the Route 29 Northbound Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements project, and encourage comments and discussion from the public. It included handout materials, display boards, printed plans, a formal presentation, project brochure and comment sheet that could be completed by interested parties and returned to VDOT. The meeting was announced to the public two weeks in advance via media and letter mailings.

Approximately 23 people attended the meeting. Four people provided written comments during the meeting. Six people submitted email comments within the comment period ending March 20, 2019.

The comments provided as a result of the Public information Meeting have been divided into three categories: General, Pedestrian Safety and Roadway. The following is a summary of those comments:

General Comments (12)

Twelve comments were categorized as general and provided strong support for the proposed project. There were no comments that were in opposition to the project. Several of the comments sought more trails/sidewalks in the vicinity to encourage less auto trips. Some comments related to another nearby roadway project, specifically, the transform 66 project. One comment provided feedback on the public information meeting itself.

Pedestrian Safety (5)

Five comments received related to pedestrian safety and a desire to see more pedestrian friendly options in the surrounding area. This project will construct missing segments of the shared-use path along Route 29 northbound, providing a continuous connection between Vaden Drive and Nutley Street (Route 243).

Roadway Comments (4)

In this grouping of comments, two comments requested lighting along the shared use path/sidewalks in the adjacent pedestrian network. Per VDOT Instructional & Informational Memorandum (IIM-TE-390), lighting is not proposed with this project. One comment expressed concern that the current shared use path design is too narrow. Per VDOT's Road Design Manual, the minimum shared use path width is 10 feet. One comment requested adequate barrier between the shared use path and vehicular travelway. A physical barrier will be provided to protect pedestrians and bicycles when the distance between the outside edge of the graded shoulder and shared use path is less than 5 feet.