

The Prioritization Process and Criteria

Bikeway project priorities are periodically reevaluated in conjunction with funding opportunities, such as the Arlington Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Prioritization takes place through a formal process that involves Bicycle Advisory Committee members, BikeArlington staff, and representatives of other agencies as appropriate. The prioritization criteria in the text box below are to be considered in determinations regarding resource allocation and timing. While these criteria are used to develop project priorities, public input is also considered in finalizing priorities.

Project Prioritization Criteria

Highest Priority Criteria:

- Enhancement of safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and other street or trail users
- Importance of improvement to connectivity of the bikeway network
- Estimated demand for usage and potential to attract new bicyclists
- Ability to reduce level of traffic stress and increase use comfort of bicyclists
- Opportunity to improve the network coverage to serve under-represented areas and populations or link with adjacent jurisdiction's bikeways.

Secondary Priority Criteria:

- Distance to and convenience of access to existing, high-quality alternative facilities
- Potential to relieve user congestion and/or conflicts on multi-use trails
- Cost relative to capital budget and availability of non-County funding
- Ease of implementation, including neighborhood, environmental clearance, and need for additional right-of-way
- Opportunity to achieve cost savings or easier implementation through combination with another project

Reporting priorities to neighboring jurisdictions, State and regional transportation planning agencies can allow planned projects to take advantage of proximate roadway work by other area agencies.