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RE: Update to the Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Schwartz,

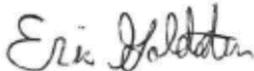
I write to you today on behalf of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) regarding the proposed update to the Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan.

The PAC has been involved in the update throughout the process. Two members of the PAC serve on the Master Transportation Plan Bicycle Element Working Group, including one representative from the PAC. We have also received regular updates from staff, and provided staff with input throughout the process. The proposed update was most recently discussed at our November 14, 2018; December 12, 2018; and March 13, 2019 meetings.

The PAC believes that, if implemented, the plan will improve the status of both the bicycle network within Arlington County, as well as the County's transportation network as a whole. With the one exception noted below, the PAC supports the proposed update and advises you to recommend its approval to the County Board.

The PAC noted the removal of the Arlington Hall Trail from the current draft of the plan, and we encourage you to re-add the trail to the Bicycle Element before it is adopted. The need for connectivity around the National Foreign Affairs Training center is something we have written to you about previously, and of course extends to pedestrians in addition to bicyclists. In our [May 4, 2017 letter](#), we encouraged the creation of "a plan for the development of the proposed trail connecting Quincy to Oakland... as well as an alternative to the soon-to-be closed NFACTC on campus trail". Re-adding this trail to the Bicycle Element will strengthen the ability of the County to achieve this vision.

Sincerely,



Eric Goldstein  
Chair, Pedestrian Advisory Committee