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Community Participation Team  
Planning Division  
James City County

Dear Community Participation Team Members,

Williamsburg Area Bicyclists (WAB) is a group of over 300 area residents who enjoy bicycling for both recreation and transportation. The great majority of our members are James City County residents. Along with the Active Williamsburg Alliance (AWA) and the Historic Triangle Bicycle Advisory Committee (HTBAC) we urge you to continue developing the local system of bikeways and trails. The 1997 Regional Bicycle Facilities Plan was a great beginning and the facilities identified in that plan should be completed. Additionally, as the county continues to develop and grow, bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be planned as a part of each new project. As you update the Comprehensive Plan, WAB urges you to include support for the following projects:

- Finish the spur trail linking the Five Forks Area and Clara Byrd Elementary School to the Virginia Capital Trail.
- Continue acquiring easements for Greenway Trails.
- Continue to create new gravel and asphalt routes connecting neighborhoods to shops and schools.
- Provide safe pedestrian and bicycling routes along Route 60 to serve students at the new Thomas Nelson Community College campus.
- Implement the "complete streets" approach to new development and work with developers to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle routes along with new streets in the county.

We thank you for incorporating safe bicycle and pedestrian routes as you work to update the Comprehensive Plan. Many residents are actively seeking safe alternatives to automobile use. Our community will be greatly enhanced and become a more desirable place to live and work by continuing to build a safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Sincerely,



President  
Williamsburg Area Bicyclists