STATEWIDE BICYCLE and PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING

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On August 20, 2013 FHWA issued a Memorandum expressing support for taking a flexible approach to bicycle and pedestrian facility design. In doing so, FHWA supports the use of the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and the ITE Designing Urban Walkable Thoroughfares: A context Sensitive Approach to build upon the flexibilities provided in the AASHTO guides, which can help communities plan and design safe and convenient facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTIMODAL GUIDELINES & STANDARDS FOR MIXED-USE URBAN CENTERS

• VDOT owns/maintains majority of roads in Virginia

• Recent legislation allowed localities to work w/VDOT to adopt new urban roadway standards

• 160 localities in Virginia – It is a challenge for VDOT if each locality develops its own urban standards
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTIMODAL GUIDELINES & STANDARDS FOR MIXED-USE URBAN CENTERS

- DRPT Multimodal System Design Guidelines allow VDOT and DRPT to have a more unified approach to Multimodal Planning and Design

- The Guidelines provide a common language and set of best practices to follow when Planning and Designing Mixed-Use Urban Centers
In January 2014, The DRPT Multimodal System Design Guidelines were incorporated into the VDOT Road Design Manual (RDM), Appendix B(2) as the Multimodal Design Standards for Mixed-Use Urban Centers with a “link” to the DRPT website


DRPT owns the Multimodal System Design Guidelines and will maintain them

Localities have the option to implement these Guidelines and Standards
PHASE 1:

- Involves review and approval of the Plan itself, which shall include components that address locality plans for each transportation mode (consistent with § 15.2-2223 of the Virginia Code), as applicable and identifies the following key elements in map form:
  - Types of Multimodal Centers
  - Travel Modes (Bicycle, Pedestrians, Buses)
  - Modal Emphasis on each Corridor
PHASE 2:

• Involves the review and approval of the roadway typical sections using the Multimodal Design Standards based on the Type of Center, Roadway Typology and Modal Emphasis identified in the Multimodal System Plan.

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Questions?