

Town of Vienna

Citizen Information Meeting Transcript Documents

Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

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Project: Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

Route: Route 724 (Creek Crossing Road)

County/City: Town of Vienna, Fairfax County

Project Location: Creek Crossing Road (Route 724)

From: Beulah Road (Route 6669)

To: Old Courthouse Road (Route 667)

Citizen's Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Venues: 1) Virtual Zoom Meeting

2) Vienna Town Hall

127 Center Street South Vienna, VA 22180

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Citizen Information Meeting Description

Project Name: Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

Project Number: N/A (Locality Project)

Project Location: Route 724, Creek Crossing Road

From: Beulah Road (Route 6669)

To: Old Courthouse Road (Route 677)

The Town of Vienna and Fairfax County held a Community Information Meeting virtually on Zoom and at Vienna Town Hall on Tuesday December 2, 2020 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm for the Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements project. All citizen attendees were present virtually on Zoom. The citizen information meeting contained a formal presentation which was directly followed up by an open forum. Additionally, citizens could view several graphics presenting the proposed improvements for the project before and after the presentation. Citizens provided written and email comments after the meeting to the Town of Vienna project manager. Written and emailed comments were accepted after the meeting until December 16, 2020.

Representatives from the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County as well as the project team were available to speak with citizens and answer questions about this project.

Exhibits & Documents Available at Design Citizen's Meeting

Information available at the citizen's meeting included project design exhibits shown on top of an aerial imagery background, project design exhibits showing color shading of proposed improvements, graphic renderings of typical roadway cross sections, project plans, and comment sheets. The citizen's meeting comment sheet is presented in **Appendix A**. Reduced-size reproductions of the exhibits and renderings displayed at the citizen's meeting are presented **Appendix B**, slides from the citizen's meeting presentation are presented in **Appendix C**, and the sign-in sheets for all citizen's meeting attendees is included in **Appendix D**.

Project Background and Purpose

Section A of this project will generally upgrade and expand approximately 2,430 feet of existing road and pedestrian facilities mostly within the Town of Vienna from Beulah Road to Fairway Drive. Improvements include curb and gutter, drainage and utility relocation. Storm sewer upgrades are assumed. Finally, improvements will include improving awareness of the pedestrian/bike trail crossing, at Fairfax County Park Authority's Foxstone Park, along Creek Crossing Road.

Section B of this project will generally upgrade and expand approximately 3,050 feet of sidewalk within Fairfax County from Miller Lane to Old Courthouse Road. Improvements will include curb and gutter, drainage, utilities as well as updating curb accessible ramps at all intersection crossings within the project limits. These improvements are generally limited to the south side of the roadway.

Summary of Comments

The Town of Vienna received 41 written comments submitted by 12 properties/citizens either at the citizens meeting or afterwards. A brief summary of the written comments is listed below.

<u>Citizen 1 – Town of Vienna Address</u>

We are fine with adding parking, but do not feel a need to have sidewalks on both sides of the street. Given the proposed partial driveway reconstruction, can we have it extended to my garage at an incremental cost to me? (2 comments)

Response:

Based on the feedback from residents, the proposed design will be adjusted to include sidewalk on one-side (northside) of Creek Crossing within the Town's portion of the project. The project is still proposing curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway, to accommodate drainage, and on-street parking on one-side. We are in the process of updating the design and can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

During Final Design, the project team will work with homeowners on a case-by-case basis regarding driveway impacts. Extending driveway resurfacing to your garage may be brought up during this time.

Citizen 2 – Fairfax County Address

The project excludes a dangerous part of Creek Crossing from Ridge Ln. to Avis Ct. There is a ditch in that stretch which forces school children and other pedestrians traveling to and from the bus stop into the roadway. This is especially dangerous when it rains and the ditch fills with water. (1 comment)

Response:

Fairfax County has evaluated the cost to include this additional portion of sidewalk into the project and is unable to, at this time, due to lack of additional funding that can be dedicated to this effort. We do expect that the current scope of the project will fully use the dedicated funds for this project however, we will re-evaluate the project budget after a cost estimate based on the current scoped project is completed. In the event we are unable to add this sidewalk segment to the current project scope, we will add it to our list for future consideration.

Citizen 3 – Town of Vienna Address

Will the existing asphalt path be removed as part of the project? Will mailboxes be relocated by the town, or must we remove and replace them ourselves? (2 comments)

Response:

Yes, the existing path will be removed and replaced with new 5' concrete sidewalks.

All mailboxes that will require relocation as a result of the project will be the responsibility of the Project Team/Contractor and will be included with the project cost.

Citizen 4 – Fairfax County Address

The section of road between Avis Ct. and Ridge Ln. where there is a school bus and public bus stop is not included in the project. The missing sidewalk creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians who must cross the street twice to avoid a ditch and for cars who must make wide turns from Ridge Ln onto Creek Crossing again to avoid the ditch. (1 comment)

Response:

Fairfax County has evaluated the cost to include this additional portion of sidewalk into the project and is unable to, at this time, due to lack of additional funding that can be dedicated to this effort. We do expect that the current scope of the project will fully use the dedicated funds for this project however, we will re-evaluate the project budget after a cost estimate based on the current scoped project is completed. In the event we are unable to add this sidewalk segment to the current project scope, we will add it to our list for future consideration.

<u>Citizen 5 – Town of Vienna Address</u>

I fully support the project with sidewalks on both sides, curb/gutter and parking. The current design addresses all current issues, but speed and traffic flow on Creek Crossing has increased lately and I would request the town to look at traffic calming options. Additionally, can existing powerlines be buried with the sidewalk improvements? If the sidewalk cannot be done on both sides' curb/gutter must be installed to manage the stormwater on my side. (3 comments).

Response:

Traffic calming options can be evaluated during Final Design. Currently, undergrounding of the existing overhead powerlines is not a part of the project scope. This would likely add significant cost and delay to the project completion time.

Based on the feedback from residents, the proposed design will be adjusted to include sidewalk on one-side (northside) of Creek Crossing within the Town's portion of the project. The project is still proposing curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway, to accommodate drainage, and on-street parking on one-side. We are in the process of updating the design and can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

<u>Citizen 6 – Town of Vienna Address</u>

We are delighted to see the sidewalk improvement plans. My husband who has a hard time walking will be able to utilize the ADA compliant sidewalks and handrail. We are fine with one sidewalk on the northside and parking which is currently a problem. I noticed there is a utility pole between us and 435 not marked. Will the improvements require removal or relocation of my fence? If the town decides on just one sidewalk, perhaps a bike lane can be added instead. Lastly, if you are going to replace the crepe myrtles, please plant natives such as white oaks or maples and not the invasive Bradford pear (7 comments)

Response:

Based on the feedback from residents, the proposed design will be adjusted to include sidewalk on one-side (northside) of Creek Crossing within the Town's portion of the project. The project is still proposing curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway, to accommodate drainage, and on-street parking on one-side. We are in the process of updating the design and can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

On individual properties, there may be potential impacts to fences or other landscaping elements because of grading to install the curb and gutter and ensure positive drainage across all properties. However, during the Final Design phase effort will be made to reduce impacts to existing fence/walls and other landscaping features. If it is deemed that the fence will need to either be relocated or reset in place, this will be the responsibility of the Project Team/Contractor and will be included with the project cost. Also, prior to construction the Town arborist will walk the project and work with the project team and individual homeowners on a case-by-case basis to determine which trees must be removed and which species to replant (If replanting is required). The Project Team will work to limit the number of impacted trees.

Regarding the suggested bike lane, this will be evaluated by the Town during Final Design.

<u>Citizen 7 – Town of Vienna Address</u>

Replacing the existing asphalt path with a real sidewalk makes a great deal of sense and will represent a substantial improvement to the neighborhood. I am pleased that the improvements address poor stormwater management, limited parking and does not encourage increased traffic speeds or include new bus routes. However, creating a duplicate sidewalk on the South side of the street, will require unnecessary tree loss, utility relocation and fence removal. Accordingly, I urge that the additional sidewalk on the South side of the street be dropped from project plans. (1 comment)

Response:

Based on the feedback from residents, the proposed design will be adjusted to include sidewalk on one-side (northside) of Creek Crossing within the Town's portion of the project. The project is still proposing curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway, to accommodate drainage, and on-street parking on one-side. We are in the process of updating the design and can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

Citizen 8 – Town of Vienna Address

I request a meeting on site at 517 Creek Crossing Rd sometime soon to discuss the impact of the sidewalk improvement on my mother's property.

Response:

Following release of this meeting transcript. The Town/County can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

Citizen 9 - FCBOS

A constituent has contacted us about that missing link on the Creek Crossing project. I wanted to confirm that the reason we have a missing link is because some homeowners along that stretch did not give right of way or cede some of their property, sell the property. (1 comment)

Response:

This Project is still in the early/midway design phase and discussions of specific Right-of-Way/easement impacts with property owners has not taken place yet.

Fairfax County has evaluated the cost to include this additional portion of sidewalk into the project and is unable to, at this time, due to lack of additional funding that can be dedicated to this effort. We do expect that the current scope of the project will fully use the dedicated funds for this project however, we will re-evaluate the project budget after a cost estimate based on the current scoped project is completed. In the event we are unable to add this sidewalk segment to the current project scope, we will add it to our list for future consideration.

Citizen 10 – Town of Vienna Address

These proposed changes seem extreme. It is was not clear why Creek Crossing was selected over other streets and how this project fits into the goals of the Town or County. Were there any residents who were involved in this design and if not, why was that the case? Sidewalks on both sides seems drastic and unnecessary for the current pedestrian volume. I oppose street parking, because it is not a major issue and will allow nonresidents to park, it also may hinder my view exiting the driveway. Would parking be permit only? These changes would negatively impact my property both visually and in value. My mature trees and land buffer would be lost. Speeding would likely increase as well. If the Town's proposed changes impacts the quiet enjoyment of my property and/or encroaches on my property line, then my husband and I would like a survey to be provided by the Town to demonstrate those impacts or the lack thereof. Lastly, how will this project coordinate with Dominion Powers' plan to bury existing power lines along Creek Crossing Road? Given the above discussion, my husband and I would like to set a time to meet with you in-person prior to any further Town plans being promoted or approved to discuss our concerns and the "proposed improvements" in more detail. (12 comments)

Response:

Following release of this meeting transcript. The Town/County can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

Citizen 11 – Town of Vienna Address

I am surprised, confused and alarmed at the proposed improvements. I do not understand why this project has been prioritized over others and how it will enhance the quality of life for the residents to be affected. I fully endorse the points expressed by my neighbor Kathleen Coxe. I share her interest in meeting with you to help me better understand Vienna's objectives as well as convey my thinking. (4 comments)

Response:

Following release of this meeting transcript. The Town/County can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

Citizen 12 – Town of Vienna Address

We are delighted to hear that improvements are planned (apart from the sidewalk) to increase safety at the intersection of Beulah and Creek Crossing. However, we are dismayed and alarmed to hear about some of the potential plans for the south side of Creek Crossing Road. Providing on-street parking on the south side of the street is unneeded and unwanted. The right of way acquisition and mature tree removal would be an outrageous expense with very little benefit. We welcome a sidewalk on the North side, but we have some concerns about it as well. Lastly, the current proposal will come right up to our property line and will require that the town remove and replace at least 3 of our fence posts and the rails involved. We want to have a 3ft sidewalk to avoid these impacts. (6 comments)

Response:

Based on the feedback from residents, the proposed design will be adjusted to include sidewalk on one-side (northside) of Creek Crossing within the Town's portion of the project. The project is still proposing curb and gutter on both sides of the roadway, to accommodate drainage, and on-street parking on one-side. We are in the process of updating the design and can review the updated design/impacts with residents (email, phone call, or meeting at property) once the design update is complete.

The alignment of the road has been set in such a way as to require almost no right of way acquisition. The vast majority of properties require no right of way acquisition. However, due to grading needed to ensure positive drainage across your property once the curb and gutter has been installed, tree impacts are still a possibility. Please note that prior to construction the Town arborist will walk the project and work with the project team and individual homeowners on a case-by-case basis to determine which trees must be removed and which species to replant (If replanting is required). The Project Team will work to limit the number of impacted trees.

The full text of all the written comments provided can be found in **Appendix E**.

Appendix A

Comment Form



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COMMENT SHEET

Community Information Meeting

Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
	Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements
In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Creek Crossing Road?	Yes No Comments:
Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed?	Yes No Comments:
Please provide us with any additional information which you feel would assist in the design/completion of this project.	Comments:
Do you support this project?	Yes No Comments:

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or submit your comments via:

Email to: Andrew.Jinks@viennava.gov Mail to: Andrew Jinks

Town of Vienna Public Works Department

127 Center St. South Vienna, VA 22180

The comment period ends December 16, 2020.

Appendix B

Display Boards for Citizen's Meeting

Appendix C

Citizen's Meeting Presentation Slides

Appendix D

Citizen's Meeting Sign-in Sheets

Appendix E

Written Comments



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COMMENT SHEET

Community Information Meeting Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

Wednesday, December 2rd, 2020

EMAIL	risjulia d not mail. com
In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Creek Crossing Road?	Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements Yes No V Comments: The most dangerous part of the street was excluded from the project. There is no plan to put a side walk between Ridge Lu
Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed? Cahool Buses about the difference for space with any additional information which you feel would assist in the design/completion of this project.	and Avic Ct. Home right where the bus Stop and school bus, Stop is. Yes V No Comments: The profest worsh't address pasardous conditions for pedestrians, induding Kids getting off school buss, and cars turn by they say onto Creek Proseing from Ridge dise to a clitch. I observed tide continuing to balk from Comments: The unissing feetier of tide walk is eafer attended dangerous conditions for kids school wilder in trying to exit lases, They especially during to exit lases, They especially during to exit lases, They especially
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Email to: Andrew.Jinks/@viennava.gov

Mail to

Andrew Jinks Town of Vienna Public Works Oppartment 127 Center St. South Vienno, VA 22180

The comment period ends, December 16, 2020.



COMMENT SHEET

Community Information Meeting

Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

Wednesday, December 2rd, 2020

NAME: Olga	Winerman
ADDRES S: 9008 A	Avis Ct, Vienna VA
EMAIL ADDRESS: <u>o(g</u>	anejyaguail, com
	Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements
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needs for Creek Crossing Road?	the road between Foxstone St. 2 Kidge Lane
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	project. That section and is unsung a
	right near the Gus & school bus stops.
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addressed?	conditions for pedestraus and cars then is
	al Bus stop and a school bus stop at Avis a Creek Cossing.
order ten -	pedestrain and Pas orders are forced to comes creek Coming
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feet temperal of wall	Jeograms Forstone Parks in a section of Check Coping
Please provide us with any	Comments: tileve can gre young fast. In
additional information which	addition can are making wide turns is to
you feel would assist in the	ouroming trustic of therming right of Pidge Loue
design/completion of this project.	out creek crossing due to a deep a stop ditch
project.	on that section of every consing that should
	be paved over with a sidewalk.
Do you support this project?	Yes No
	Comments: Yes but with the addition
	of the stretch of road Between
	Avis Ct. 2 Ridge Lane on the side
	of Creek Chossing when Avis Ct. Candful
	Bus stop) is located.

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or submit your comments via:

Email to: Andrew Jinks@viennava.gov

Mail to:

Andrew Jinks
Town of Vienna Public Works Department
127 Center St. South
Vienna, VA 22180

The comment period ends. December 16, 2020.



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NAME: ADDRES

COMMENT SHEET

Community Information Meeting

Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020

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	Creek Crossing Road Pedestrian Enhancements
In your opinion, does the design of this project meet the needs for Creek Crossing Road?	Yes No Comments: All Current issues federmans Com walk both sides writer look, Simon water management, Parking - Addresses all of them - THANK YOU!
Are there any concerns that you feel have not been addressed?	Yes V No Comments: Edward Speci and traffic from Wich consed in this road lately I would Conseally regular town to don't at traffic Controlly options. Any thoughts given to put annihion rowerlines underground along with Side walk improvements?
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Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or submit your comments via:

Email to: Andrew Jinks@viennava.gov

Do you support this project?

Mail to:

Comments:

Andrew Jinks Town of Vienna Public Works Department 127 Center St. South Vienna, VA 22180

The comment period ends December 16, 2020,

From: kwcoxe@techhorizons.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 12:04 PM **To:** Jinks, Andrew < Andrew. Jinks@viennava.gov>

Cc: Mayor < mayor@viennava.gov >; huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Subject: [Released by User] Request for meeting to discuss Creek Crossing Road Modifications

12.5.20

Mr. Andrew Jinks Town of Vienna Public Works Department 127 Center St. South Vienna, VA 22180

RE: Proposed Changes to Creek Crossing Road, Vienna, VA

Dear Mr. Jinks,

Thank you for hosting the virtual meeting to discuss the proposed changes to Creek Crossing Road in Vienna, VA.

My husband and I have lived on Creek Crossing Road since 1990 and both of our children attended schools in Vienna. We have a good sense of the area around where we live and what types of improvements would increase safety including those for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Thank you for looking to address some of these improvements in future projects along Creek Crossing Road.

One of the perspectives that was not clear in the virtual meeting was how the work along Creek Crossing Road fits within the overall context of priorities in the Town. For example, it was not clear why Creek Crossing was selected over another street such as Ayr Hill Road that has no walking area designated for pedestrians and the residents walk along the road with children and pets at great risk. Are the proposed Creek Crossing improvements meant to meet certain goals of a larger Town or County improvement initiative that was not discussed?

Also, it was not clear why the proposed changes to Creek Crossing Road are so drastic. I know of no one on the Road who has petitioned for the types of changes discussed, yet here we are with a list of changes that will drastically change the look, feel, and potentially the values of the properties along the Road. Were there any residents who were invited to provide input into the current proposed plan or did the Town come up with it independently? If there was no one from Creek Crossing Road invited to participate in the design, why was that the case? If that was the case, why did the Town decide to propose sidewalks on both sides of the street as part of this initial design as opposed to just one side? If we were located in downtown DC where there can be heavy foot traffic, I could see that the current asphalt "trail" may encumber walkers who might have to scoot to one side to allow for children on bikes or shoppers with lots of bags, etc. However, being a walker myself, (my husband and I walk 3-4 miles per day regularly in Vienna) I have NEVER run into a crowd of folks who were impacted by the lack of available space on the asphalt "trail." But TWO sidewalks? Really? Is the Town or County considering the proposed changes in light of possibility converting Creek Crossing Road for future bus lanes and places where commuters could wait for their rides? In our 30 years at this address, these proposed changes seem extreme. Having lived

in Boston, MA it seems like there is the possibility that this proposed work might be part of a larger urban plan.

Also, why is there a need for street parking? Upon occasion, there may be a car parked along the street, but by no means is this happening consistently. It certainly does not happen along the entire length of Creek Crossing Road. I am not a supporter of this change for two main reasons: 1.) It provides places for people to park who are not residents possibly leaving a car parked overnight or longer. I prefer not to have strangers moving in and out of their cars in front of my house on a regular basis. 2.) It provides a potential hindrance to being able to safely exit from my driveway onto the street as my view could be obstructed if the parked vehicle were a van or other large-sized auto. Again, was this measure taken so that the commuters would have a place to park as they wait for their bus along my street? Any chance that parking along the street would be "permit only?" If so, to whom would the permits be granted?

Both proposed changes: the sidewalks on both sides of the street and parking on both sides of the street turn Creek Crossing into a "thoroughfare." Was this the Town's intent all along?? The proposed "improvements" would allow access down Creek Crossing Road by construction vehicles/equipment which would impact the quiet enjoyment of the residents. It would also have the tendency to increase traffic speed. The speeding matter would be at odds with the pedestrian safety of course. However, it would provide a potential increase in Town revenue due a potential increase in traffic violations. An interesting tradeoff.

My concerns would not be complete without mentioning the impact these changes would have to my property both visually and in value. The potential visual changes would be those made as a result of the widening of the street and subsequent installation of a sidewalk (vs. the current asphalt trail"). I currently have mature trees in the front of my home along Creek Crossing Road and do not want to lose them. My house dates back from the turn of the last century (it was the house of the first Postmaster of Vienna) and even though not all of the landscaping dates from that time, the landscaping adds to the attractiveness and enjoyment of my home. Also, I am concerned that there will be a loss of land and buffer from the Road that I currently enjoy.

If the Town's proposed changes impacts the quiet enjoyment of my property and/or encroaches on my property line, then the changes that are being proposed are more akin to "eminent domain." For this reason, my husband and I would like a survey to be provided by the Town to demonstrate those impacts or the lack thereof.

Recently, I received a notice from Dominion Power about their "Strategic Underground Program" which you probably already know about. Dominion Power is planning to bury the existing above-ground utility lines along Creek Crossing Road. This work, of course, would be in or near the same path as the proposed "improvements" along Creek Crossing Road. I assume that the planned Dominion Power work was already taken into consideration in the Town's Creek Crossing Road modifications plan and schedule. No timing was stated in Dominion's written correspondence dated 12.2.20.

Given the above discussion, my husband and I would like to set a time to meet with you in-person prior to any further Town plans being promoted or approved to discuss our concerns and the "proposed improvements" in more detail. Please let me know a date/time that would work, and we can schedule a time to connect on-site at our home at 424 Creek Crossing Rd. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Coxe

CC: Linda Colbert, Mayor Town of Vienna

Walter Alcorn, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors – Hunter Mill District

From: pete sherman petes s@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Jinks, Andrew Andrew.Jinks@viennava.gov

Cc: Mayor < mayor@viennava.gov >; huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Subject: [Released by User] Request for Meeting and Further Information Regarding the Creek Crossing

Rd Sidewalk Project

416 Creek Crossing Rd, NE Vienna, VA 22180 703-795-9997 11 December 2020

Mr. Andrew Jinks Town of Vienna Public Works Department 127 Center Street Vienna, VA 22180

Dear Mr. Jinks:

Thank you for hosting the 02 December 2020 Zoom meeting to announce the Town's proposed project to make changes to our block of Creek Crossing Road in Northeast Vienna.

I confess to being surprised, confused and alarmed at the Town of Vienna's project concept outlined during the meeting. I do not understand the need for the accelerated schedule or the high prioritization of this effort over longer standing and more understandable infrastructure projects such as the repair/replacement of our increasingly inadequate water delivery infrastructure. Nor do I understand what the town hopes to achieve with this project in terms of enhancing the quality of life for the residents to be affected.

My wife and I are longterm residents of Vienna and value the many benefits we enjoy by living in Vienna. I originally moved to Vienna in 1964 as a teenager. My wife and I purchased our first house in Vienna in 1986 because of the small town atmosphere which Vienna has retained but which much of the rest of Northern Virginia has lost. We then moved to our present house on Creek Crossing Road in 2006 because of the large lot sizes as well as the greater number of trees and other greenery.

I fully endorse the points expressed by my neighbor and Vienna resident Kathleen Coxe in her 05 December 2020 letter to you in which she detailed issues and concerns about the Creek Crossing project and its potential negative impact upon neighborhood. I share her interest in meeting with you to help me better understand Vienna's objectives as well as convey my thinking. I have attached a copy of Kathleen Coxe's letter for your convenience.

Please advise of a date, time and your preferred meeting arrangements by which we can discuss these matters in the near future.

Regards;

Peter Sherman

CC: Linda Colbert, Mayor of Vienna

Walter Alcorn, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors – Hunter Mill District

From: Stephen Dew <<u>shdew3@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:55 AM

To: Jinks, Andrew

Subject: Town of Vienna's Creek Crossing Sidewalk Project

Dear Mr. Jinks and Planners for the Town of Vienna's Creek Crossing Sidewalk Project:

Thank you for last week's meeting regarding the Creek Crossing sidewalk project. We appreciate the information you shared with us.

We are delighted to hear that improvements are planned (apart from the sidewalk) to increase safety at the intersection of Beulah and Creek Crossing. We live on the corner and see many close calls as pedestrians try to cross Beulah to reach Glyndon Park. However we are dismayed and alarmed to hear about some of the potential plans for the south side of Creek Crossing Road.

Our home, was built in 1890, the year that the Town of Vienna was incorporated. It sits on the southeast corner of Beulah and Creek Crossing, and is surrounded by a very old split-rail fence. Our most serious concerns follow.

Regarding the possibility of on-street parking on the south side of the street, all property owners on the south side have private driveways and park their vehicles on their property. No one on the south side of the street attempts to park vehicles on the street. Providing on-street parking on the south side of the street is unneeded and unwanted by the property owners on the south side. In addition, in order to develop such parking, the town apparently would have to seize and purchase a strip of land four to six feet wide from every property owner along the entire stretch of Creek Crossing from Beulah to East Street. For our property, that would include the need to remove and replace our rail fence and gate along the street, as well as the removal and replacement of 2 large red cedar trees, 4 large Norwegian spruce trees, and a pine tree. A project to provide on-street parking on the south side of Creek Crossing would be an outrageous expense with very little benefit and a terrible waste of taxpayer money on a project that would conflict with the needs and wishes of property owners on the south side of the street.

We welcome a sidewalk of the south side, but we have some concerns about it as well.

If the construction involves a 2-foot gutter and curb, a 2 foot grass median, and a 5-foot sidewalk (a total of 9 feet), the project will come right up to our property line, and it apparently will require that the town remove and replace at least 3 of our fence posts and the rails involved. In addition, since our property rises above the street level, if construction requires digging right up to the edge of our property line, the town will need to build a small retaining wall to prevent our fence from eroding and falling onto the sidewalk.

If on the other hand the construction involves a 2-foot gutter and curb, a 2 foot grass median, and a 3-foot sidewalk (7 feet total) or a 2-foot gutter and curb and a 5-foot sidewalk (7 feet total), then the project should spare the need to remove and replace any of our fence and probably would not require a retaining wall.

Thank You for considering our input about this project!

Stephen Dew Susan Pauly 403 Creek Crossing Road **From:** Boris & Julia Nejikovsky < boris_julia@hotmail.com>

Subject: Question for Creek Crossing meeting

Date: December 2, 2020 at 6:52:49 PM EST

To: "tvcn.editor@viennava.gov" <tvcn.editor@viennava.gov>

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Regards,

Julia Nejikovsky

Sent from my iPad

From: Boris & Julia Nejikovsky < boris_julia@hotmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:47 PM **To:** Jinks, Andrew < <u>Andrew.Jinks@viennava.gov</u>>

Subject: Creek Crossing comment form

Mr. Jinks,

Attached please find a comment form on the Creek Crossing improvement project.

As you might recall, I raised a concern about safety of the section of Creek Crossing between Avis Ct. and Ridge Ln., which for some reason was excluded from the project.

This is the most dangerous section and I and a number of parents whose children have to use this section when they get off the school bus feel that the unsafe conditions need to be addressed without delay.

I would appreciate it if you get back to me with any updates on the matter either via email or at 703-593-1358.

Respectfully,

Julia Nejikovsky

1836 Foxstone Dr.

Vienna, VA 22182

From: Jill Miller < jlaimiller@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:34:52 PM

To: Jinks, Andrew

Subject: Creek Crossing Sidewalk Project Comment

Hello Andrew.

Thank you and your colleagues for the clear, informative Zoom session last night.

As residents who returned to Vienna from Leesburg just days into April, may I say we are delighted to be back and this time within the town proper.

We are also delighted to see the sidewalk improvement plans. My husband has a hard time walking and cannot use the asphalt trail, which is uneven at best. The fact that the sidewalk will be ADA compliant including a handrail is wonderful. Like some of the others on the call, we would be fine with just one sidewalk on the north side. We are also very glad to see on-street parking too. It's currently a real problem when anyone has workmen or visitors.

Just a couple of things. We at 501 Creek Crossing are one of two houses with a fence. Will the street modifications mean the removal or moving of the fence?

Also, not marked on your map is a pole to which Verizon, Cox and who knows who else have used to attach their wires. This is not the existing utility pole between us and 435, which is marked, but one that is half-way along our fence next to a tall cedar or other evergreen that hides it pretty well. If I'm seeing correctly, the proposed limit line will come straight through that pole and tree.

Lastly, if you are going to replace the crepe myrtles etc., may I ask that you please, please plant natives such as white oaks or maples. Definitely not the invasive Bradford pear, which was once so pervasive. I am sure the town arborist knows his trees but on the offchance he wants input, I know the folks at the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, www.audubonva.org, and their Audubon at Home people would be more than happy to offer suggestions and sources.

Thanks again.

Jill and Bobby Miller

501 Creek Crossing Rd NE

From: Jill Miller < <u>ilaimiller@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Jinks, Andrew < <u>Andrew.Jinks@viennava.gov</u>>
Subject: Re: Creek Crossing Sidewalk Project Comment

Hello Andrew,

One more thought. If the town decides on just one sidewalk, perhaps a bike lane can be added instead. I've seen children go flying down one lane, albeit in pandemic reduced traffic, and quite a few bicyclists lately when the weather is good. Fwiw, two sidewalks would be nice too.

Thanks again and happy holidays,

Jill Miller

From: Bob Robinson < bobangela01@gmail.com > Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 4:42:23 PM

To: Jinks, Andrew

Subject: Creek Crossing Sidewalk Project Comment (Please acknowledge receipt)

Andrew Jinks:

My name is Bob Robinson and I live at 515 Creek Crossing Road NE. In general, I was glad to hear about the sidewalk improvement efforts on my street at your December 2, 2020 meeting. In particular, I am pleased that:

- · Curbs and gutters will be installed because during heavy rains the existing culverts in front of my house back up causing huge puddles of standing water to remain in the roadway for hours.
- The existing asphalt pathway will be demolished and replaced with a regular sidewalk, presumably on the existing footprint. The portion of the existing path that gets close to Creek Crossing Road is frequently used as a parking lot requiring pedestrians to divert onto the roadway, often putting themselves at risk to speeding traffic.
- The roadway itself will not be widened. Traffic speeds are already well above the posted speed limit and even greater speeds should not be encouraged by a wider road.
- The project will not cause the bus route to be diverted onto Creek Crossing.

I do have a number of concerns about the project that I hope will be addressed. Principally, the plan to put a sidewalk on the side of the street with odd - numbered street addresses (I believe you referred to this as the South side of the street) is deeply troubling for a variety of reasons:

In particular:

- There will likely be significant mature tree loss since a sidewalk on this side of the street would almost certainly require trees to be taken out or have their roots badly damaged by the sidewalk construction
- · Utility poles and street lights will have to be moved, at considerable expense, closer to the houses on that side of the street
- · Underground gas lines will potentially be threatened
- Existing fencing in some residents' front yards will either have to be moved, again at considerable expense, or removed.

Replacing the existing asphalt path with a real sidewalk makes a great deal of sense and will represent a substantial improvement to the neighborhood. However, creating a duplicate sidewalk on the South side of the street, where there is no pedestrian pathway already in place, will cause undue environmental disturbance, greatly increase project costs, and only minimally increase pedestrian mobility. Accordingly, I urge that the additional sidewalk on the South side of the street be dropped from project plans.

Bob Robinson, 515 Creek Crossing Rd. NE

From: Olga Nej < <u>olganejy@gmail.com</u>>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:12:33 PM

To: Jinks, Andrew

Subject: Creek Crossing Comment Form

Dear Mr. Jinks,

Attached please find a comment form on the Creek Crossing project. I will send a separate email with photos of the location in question.

From: Olga Nej <<u>olganejy@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Jinks, Andrew <<u>Andrew.Jinks@viennava.gov</u>>

Subject: Creek Crossing Comment Form

Dear Mr. Jinks,

Attached please find a comment form on the Creek Crossing project. I have also attached pictures of the area in question.

As mentioned in my comment form, we have learned that a joint Fairfax County/Town of Vienna project has been planned to rebuild the sidewalks along the entire Creek Crossing road EXCEPT the area in question, which we deem to be extremely unsafe.

For some mysterious reason, the Creek Crossing sidewalk improvement project is omitting the section of sidewalk between Foxstone and Ridge Lane. In particular, the portion of Creek Crossing between Avis Court and Ridge Lane is missing a sidewalk, even though there is a bus stop and a school bus stop on the corner of Avis and Creek Crossing. Instead, this area currently contains a steep ditch that makes it difficult for cars to turn from Ridge onto Creek Crossing, making pedestrian conditions even more unsafe. Pedestrians, bus riders, etc. are forced to cross Creek Crossing twice if trying to get to the Ridge Lane neighborhood (which includes Foxstone park) in an area of Creek Crossing where cars are moving quickly and frequently making wide turns into oncoming traffic when exiting Ridge Lane to avoid the deep ditch.

We would appreciate it if you could follow up on this item and add this section of the road to the Creek Crossing sidewalk improvement project that is already being planned.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Sakthi Chinnasamy <<u>csakthi@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 8:27:34 AM

To: Jinks, Andrew

Subject: Creek Crossing Sidewalk comment form

Andrew,

Good Morning

Thanks for sharing the project details with us yesterday. It was a fantastic presentation with great clarifications. I really appreciate the town efforts to listen to citizens feedbacks.

I have captured my comments, concerns (probably outside of the scope of the project) and support in the attached comment form.

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Thanks Sakthi From: jasoneclark2002@aol.com < jasoneclark2002@aol.com >

Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 12:21 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of < <u>DPW@viennava.gov</u>> **Subject:** 1 Comment and 1 Question on Creek Crossing Rd Sidewalk Project

Mr. Gallagher,

Thank you for working on the Creek Crossing Rd sidewalk project. My family welcomes the street parking, and is fine with the additional sidewalk if needed.

I just wanted to provide you with one comment and one question.

The comment is that the street parking will be helpful to those living on the street, but that we don't personally feel a need to have sidewalks on both sides of the street. We are fine with adding parking and an extra sidewalk as planned, but if most other neighbors don't feel a need to a sidewalk on our side of the street we are fine just using the one on the other side.

The question is in regard to our driveway. We have a concrete driveway and I am glad to see that you plan to have a concrete apron and some concrete driveway. My question is whether we can get the driveway replaced all the way to our garage instead of about 40% of the way to the garage. We could pay the incremental cost if reasonable, and I assume it would be cheaper to have the team already there do the extra 60% of the driveway than for us to replace it with a separate contractor (plus is would all look the same and not have a break between two pieces of driveway). Would that be possible? If so, would you be able to provide us with a cost estimate, or with the contact information for whoever will be doing the driveway work so I can contact them for a cost estimate?

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Jason Clark

511 Creek Crossing Rd NE

Vienna, VA 22180

(c) (703) 930-6213

From: Kenneth Unger < kenneth.w.unger@gmail.com >

Subject: Creek Crossing citizen meeting questions

Date: December 2, 2020 at 6:37:36 PM EST

To: tvcn.editor@viennava.gov

1) Will the existing asphalt path be removed as part of the project?

2) Will mailboxes be relocated by the town, or must we remove / replace them ourselves?

Thank you.

Ken Unger

19:02:10 From Charles Lewis: Hello and thank you for joining us tonight. During the Q and A session, please click the "Raise Hand" button if you would like to speak, or you can post your questions here and I will read them. Thank You.

19:05:35 From Ken Unger to All panelists: Hello - I sent questions in an email. In case not received, my questions are 1) Will the existing asphalt path in the county be removed, and 2) will residents or county be responsible for remove/replace of mailboxes located near the road?

19:08:11 From RAY DALY to All panelists: Concerned about bridges above Wolf Trap Creek and the flooding last spring that was just upstream.

19:22:24 From Kathleen Coxe to All panelists: Who decided that there needed to be parking along Creek Crossing?

19:22:38 From Kathleen Coxe to All panelists: Why sidewalks on both sides of the street?

19:23:24 From Kathleen Coxe to All panelists: What is the intent of the improvements? Is it to so that a bus system can be moved through Creek Crossing?

19:24:02 From Kathleen Coxe to All panelists: How do I find out the impact on the trees in front of my home in this initial design?

19:26:15 From Kathleen Coxe to All panelists: Regarding the sidewalks on both sides of the road: was there a request by residents to have it? Why parking on the street? Will it be permit only? I am concerned about having strangers park in front of my home.

19:26:17 From Julia N to All panelists: There appears to be a gap between the Vienna map and the Fairfax County map in the area from Foxstone Drive to approximately Miller Lane. Is there a plan to build out sidewalks on both sides of the road there, particularly between the bus stop at Avis Court and the nearby Ridge lane? There is currently no safe way to walk from Ridge Lane to the bus stop and school bus stop.

19:29:03 From Zac Kaye to All panelists: Why is it necessary to have sidewalks on both sides as sidewalks on the north side have been more than adequate for all these years.

19:30:29 From Zac Kaye to All panelists: Also, we have significant problems with speeding on the road now. Is there any plan to control the speed now that the road is going to be much wider between East and Beulah?

19:36:40 From Julia N to All panelists: I submitted a question via chat, but wanted to follow via audio. but there is no option to unmute the mike.

19:45:49 From Julia N to All panelists : no side walk

19:46:07 From Julia N to All panelists: it is a very unsafe area

19:48:37 From Julia N to All panelists: please take my questions while we have the official representatives in the room

19:53:53 From Shyamali Hauth to All panelists: Shyamali.hauth@fairfaxcounty.gov

19:54:25 From Shyamali Hauth to All panelists: I'm Shyamali Hauth--feel free to email me at the address above