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Subject: NRV-RV - Bike/Ped Accommodations - Meeting Minutes - 1/26/10

All,

I would like to thank everyone for their time and interest in today's meeting to begin the discussion of finding possible bike/ped connections between the Roanoke Valley and New River Valley. The discussion was beneficial – providing insight to each locality's bike/ped planning priorities and identifying potential priorities that make sense regionally. I have attempted to capture the essential information such as the contacts and the action items set out by the group. If you have any additions/deletions/revisions, please feel free to forward your comments.

If I can be of assistance to anyone on the action items, please feel free to contact me. Again, thanks for your participation,

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New River Valley – Roanoke Valley
Evaluating Potential Bicycle/Pedestrian Accommodations
January 26, 2010
Elliston Fire Station, Montgomery County

Attendees:

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Highlights of Discussion:

- Introductions were made.
- Liz Belcher, Coordinator for the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission, explained the commission structure and membership.
- Each region provided an overview of the various bike/ped plans adopted by the various planning units, date of last revision of each plan, and any pending changes.
- Michael Gray, VDOT, lead some discussion on the proposed improvements to Route 603. The planning has been initiated and now is the time for regional input on type of bicycle accommodations in the project.
- Michael also suggested VDOT maintenance funds could be used to address/fix damaged shoulders, which could result in a moderately safer facility for cyclists.

- The group identified action items and agreed it was best to use the regional committees and planning processes to address the need for a regional connection.

Action Items:

- Identify and compile list of possible routes/connections
- Identify preferred routes/accommodations
- Compile list of additions/revisions to local plans to support the possible and preferred routes
- Compile list of opportunities where VDOT maintenance funds might be used to improve current conditions with the result of increasing bike safety.
- Set up meeting in early March to review the gathered information