

City of Virginia Beach BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS PLAN

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Mayor Sessoms and local children prepare for a bike ride at Mt. Trashmore Park on Earth Day. Photo courtesy of Bruce Drees.



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Glossary of Acronyms and Abbreviations

5 E's.....	A planning paradigm by the Federal Highway Administration and League of American Bicyclists: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement & Evaluation
AASHTO.....	American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991
ADAAG	Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
APS	Accessible Pedestrian Signal
BFC	Bicycle-Friendly Community
Bike-ped	Bicycle and pedestrian
BLOS	Bicycle Level of Service
BFC.....	Bicycle-Friendly Community
BTAC.....	Bikeways and Trails Advisory Committee
CIP	Capital Improvements Program
CMAQ.....	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
CPTED	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
DCR	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
DSC	Development Services Center
FHWA.....	Federal Highway Administration
HRSD	Hampton Roads Sanitation District
HRTPO	Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
HRT	Hampton Roads Transit
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act
ITA	Interfacility Traffic Area
JEB	Joint Expeditionary Base
LAB.....	League of American Bicyclists
LEED	Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design
LOS.....	Level Of Service
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization

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NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NALF	Naval Auxiliary Landing Field
NAS	Naval Air Station
P&R	Department of Parks & Recreation
PAAC	Princess Anne Athletic Complex
PBIC	Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (FHWA)
PCI	Pavement Condition Index
PDD	Division of Planning, Design and Development (in Parks & Recreation)
PLOS.....	Pedestrian Level of Service
PSA	Public Service Announcement
PW	Department of Public Works
RSTP	Regional Surface Transportation Program
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users
SRTS	Safe Routes to School
TCC	Tidewater Community College
UCI	Urban Construction Initiative
UPARR	Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program
VBCCO	Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations
VDOT	Virginia Department of Transportation

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Vision Statement

City Council's Vision for the City

In the 2009 Comprehensive Plan (at ourfuturevb.com), City Council articulated this vision for Virginia Beach:

City Council Vision 2023

- *Virginia Beach is the Leading City in Virginia.*
- *Virginia Beach is a community with Diverse, Distinctive Neighborhoods, a Diverse Local Economy, with Diverse Living Choices and an Effective Transportation System.*
- *Virginia Beach has a Beautiful, Natural Setting and Resources, A First Class Resort, and a Vibrant Town Center.*
- *Our People Enjoy Great Schools and Places to Have Fun.*

A strong bikeways and trails system supports Council's vision.

- Virginia Beach has unique resources and opportunities to lead Virginia in biking facilities, biking culture, and active transportation in general.
- Our neighborhoods give us wonderful places to walk and bike.
- Transportation alternatives are an important part of an effective transportation system. Our current roads give us the "bones" of a system for people to move around on bikes, on foot, on skateboards, and in whatever other authorized mode they choose.
- Our oceanfront, resort and town center give us destinations where people want to bike and walk, plus starting points from which people can explore our larger natural setting.
- Bikeways and trails are natural, obvious places to have fun over and over again. People exercise, travel, mingle, and find plenty of special ways to use these assets every day. Visitors value having places to get out and about on their own, whether on foot or by bike or some other modes.

A Vision for the Bikeways and Trails System

The Bikeways and Trails Advisory Committee presents this Vision for Bikeways and Trails:

*Virginia Beach will be a City where people can walk, run and ride **anywhere** safely, **efficiently**, and enjoyably.*



The Maritime Trail along General Booth Boulevard, near the Aquarium.



Bike riders on the annual Bayside History Tour. Photo courtesy of Bruce Drees

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