



The Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society

April 21, 2022

Mayor Tarter and Members of the City Council
City of Falls Church
300 Park Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046

Subject: Support for Expanding Bikeways and Micro-mobility Infrastructure in Falls Church

Dear Mayor Tarter and Members of the City Council:

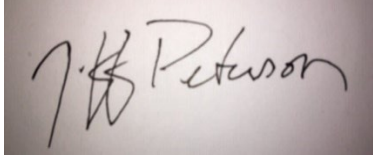
The Board of the Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) strongly endorses the recommendations of the Falls Church Citizen's Advisory Committee on Transportation that call for expanding and connecting the City's safe, equitable access to multimodal transportation options including achieving in 2022 at least one mile of protected bike lanes.

In its February 9 [memorandum](#), the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Transportation described the multiple benefits of multimodal transportation for the City. For example, this work will sustain the character of the community, promote public safety, and support inclusiveness and social sustainability. Importantly, this work can be implemented at a modest cost.

VPIS has long supported environmental improvements in the city and more recently has urged the City to invest in measures to reduce release of greenhouse gases that cause climate change. It is important to note that a wider range of transportation options will generally reduce the density of vehicles and help minimize the amount of impervious surfaces devoted to large parking lots. Reducing impervious surfaces will help reduce stormwater pollution of local waterways. We also recognize that expanded infrastructure for bikeways and other multimodal transportation will be a positive step toward reducing local air pollution and minimizing the release of greenhouse gases.

We look forward to working with you on this important opportunity.

Sincerely,

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Jeff Peterson".

Jeff Peterson
VPIS President
on behalf of the Board

cc: City Manager
Environmental Sustainability Council
Citizen's Advisory Committee on Transportation