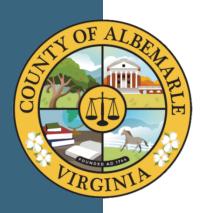


Free Bridge Lane Discontinuance Update

A summary of the Free Bridge Lane Promenade Pilot Program

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Agenda

- 1. Recap promenade proposal
- 2. Compare usage from summer 2024 to spring 2025
- 3. Discontinuance next steps
- 4. Future projects and park maintenance
- 5. Board direction

Free Bridge Lane Today

- Low volume, unstriped roadway
 - Parking on north and south ends
 - Right in, right out only at south end
- Degraded and poorly defined shared use path
- Future site of County park
- Currently owned and maintained by VDOT





Current Pilot Program

- Land Use Permit expires October 6, 2025
- Road stays under VDOT ownership and reverts to thru vehicle traffic use if discontinuance is not pursued
- Has been very popular among the public by providing river overlook
- Provides continuous extension of Darden Towe Park and Old Mills Trail



Bicycle/Pedestrian Usage

- Month long studies were conducted in August 2024 and May/June 2025 at four locations on the road
- Done by VDOT Transportation and Mobility Planning Division
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts increased when road closed to thru vehicles



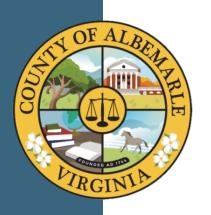
Discontinuance Next Steps

- 1. Board needs to have a written petition to VDOT supporting discontinuance
- 2. VDOT concurs and advertises proposed discontinuance
- 3. VDOT hosts public hearing if needed
- 4. Board adopts resolution supporting discontinuance
- 5. VDOT Locality office approves resolution and sends to Central Office in Richmond for review
- 6. Resolution of discontinuance approved at next CTB meeting



Park Maintenance

- ACPR has stated that current staffing and budget enough to maintain promenade as it is now
- FES has ability to do projects through CIP if funds are allocated
- 30% design cost estimate from consultants



Next Steps

- Staff will email the VDOT residency with the discontinuance petition
- Following VDOT concurrence, staff will return with a formal resolution of discontinuance for the Board