



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



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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