

## Places29-Hydraulic Brainstorm

### \$ Ideas

- Better landscaping/art at Barracks Road
- Beautify the wall at 250 Bypass/Barracks Road
  - Retaining wall on Barracks Road @ 250 Bypass – incorporate neighborhood associations for additional funding
- Dog park and trail expansions, green space behind Albemarle High School
- Lighting improvements along Westfield Rd.in the vicinity of Wynridge Dr. and Westfield Ct. This is a public safety issue since people getting off a bus on Commonwealth Drive and walking home have poor visibility at night.
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### \$\$+ Ideas

Trash pick-up along the roads

Metal wall adornment at Trader Joe's

Extend curb and gutter at Canterbury Hills

Ongoing funding for stream beautification projects

Traffic calming for Hillsdale & Commonwealth

Transit Improvements

- Bus shelter/stop improvements on Commonwealth, Street lighting (solar)
- Bus stops for Commonwealth, Greenbrier, Four Seasons, Georgetown
- Add bus stops closer to schools
- Add bus stop for the food bank
- Lighting and covering bus stops (improve existing)
- Reduce # of existing bus stops – they are clustered too closely
- Add a bus stop closer to the 3 schools (Albemarle, Jouett, Greer) – closest one is mid-way on Georgetown Road
- Bus shelters for the stops along Georgetown Rd.
- -Major investment in bus shelters on east and west portions of Commonwealth Drive by Turtle Creek
- Bus Stop Enhancements

A plan to redevelop Fashion Square Mall

Greater neighborhood communication, advertising for the farmers market

Left turn lane, intersection improvements at Earlysville Road

Route 29 Pedestrian Crossings

- Improve pedestrian crossing at Rio Road & Route 29
- At-grade pedestrian crossing at Hydraulic & Route 29

Charlotte Humphris Park Improvements

School-Pedestrian Connections

- Pedestrian facilities past schools – kids walking along side of the road to school. Sidewalks or walking paths or wider shoulders along Lambs Road; could qualify for Safe Routes to School matching funds
- Add a safe walking/biking path that connects existing sidewalks by AHS to Jouett/Greer. Both schools serve 1243 students and their families who attend meetings, afterschool events, etc. and have requested this.
- Sidewalk down Lambs Road from AHS to Lambs Ln intersection. Separated sidewalk along Lambs Ln all the way to Jouett/Greer
- Improving the trail system behind AHS, Jouett and Greer. Acquire any undeveloped land held by VDOT for the bypass in that area to increase the green space available to the schools for more running/walking/biking trails.
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Extend curb and gutter in Canterbury Hills

Extend Hillsdale Drive Ext on Master Plan north to clear out and plant easily maintained by county partnering with CAAR, 2 nursing/assisted living facilities.

Strategy to extend the non-motorized corridors in and out of the City, and between key destination areas. Primary roads to access urban areas have heavy volume, high speed auto traffic and most have no shoulder. Bikers on these roads impede traffic and cause dangerous situations for both drivers and bikers. Look to map out continuous favorable bike routes that parallel major roadways and focus on building in bike lanes and sharrows markings

Barracks Road 250 Bypass to Georgetown – add cycling lanes, pedestrian crossing markings on 250 ramps, Ricky, Bennington, and W Park Drive (do the same on the south side when new sidewalks get put in)

Wider shoulders for Garth Road (extend current to Owensville Road)

Wider shoulders along Earlysville Road, particularly between Hydraulic and Woodlands

Wider shoulders along 250 from 250/29 to Broomley/Ballard

Wider shoulders along Old Lynchburg Road to Dudley Mountain Road and/or Red Hill

Bike lanes or a separated path along Route 20 from the city to Mill Creek

Wider shoulders along Route 53 between 20 and 732 Milton/795 James Monroe Parkway

Wider shoulders at Free Bridge

Wider shoulders along 20 North from 250 to Stony Point Road

Fund County's plan to build bikeways/routes to County Parks

Support (through funding, right-of-way acquisitions, etc.) extending Cville trail system into County to connect Hedgerow/Ragged Mountain/Preddy Creek

Fund the Crozet to Cville bike/walking trail

Bike lanes on Barracks Road between 250 bypass and Georgetown road (or even better, all the way to Barracks West. (I believe there is enough room to narrow the lanes on Barracks to accommodate bike lanes, and it creates more of a separation for the sidewalk to improve the experience for pedestrians)

Sidewalk between Georgetown and Lambs Road - separate from road with grass/vegetation barrier to improve aesthetics and pedestrian experience

Landscaping improvements between AHS and Hydraulic/Rio road. Preserve the view of the mountains, but make more attractive to highlight the school area (pride of place)

More regular street cleaning of all streets in Places 29 Hydraulic.

More regular storm water runoff drain clearing in Places 29 Hydraulic area.

Sidewalk smoothing in Places 29 Hydraulic area

Intersection of Westfield Rd. and Commonwealth Drive - make intersection improvements which are more oriented towards pedestrians. There are bus stops for both east and west running routes and plenty of pedestrian traffic in the area.

Major sidewalk improvements throughout the Places29 Hydraulic area to address many broken segments of sidewalks

More concerted effort to prevent tractor trailers from parking overnight or long term along Westfield Road.

Intersection improvement on Four Season Drive by Lakeview Drive. This is a school bus stop and during the afternoon drop off, kids are being picked up to by staff at Four Season Learning Center.

Four Season Drive sidewalks- Reevaluate the suitability of the sidewalk dips (stormwater management feature?). When not kept clean, these low points in the sidewalks simply collect debris, such as gravel, making them hazardous.

Northwest corner of intersection of Commonwealth Drive and Greenbrier Dr. - more aggressive vegetative clearing of the sidewalk area and the guardrail to make a nice clean appearance along that stretch of road by the bus stop.

Upgrade all intersections within the Places29 Hydraulic area to street signs that have metal poles and meet VDOT's requirements for numbered routes to aid emergency vehicles.

## Hillsdale Drive Extension-Pond Amenities

### Trails and Trail Connections

### Bike and Ped Network

### US29 Pedestrian Crossovers

I would like the County to hire contractors who will actually keep the grass mowed on the medians and shoulders of Barracks Road.

GSI at US 29 and hydraulic rd with 6 thru lanes

Redevelop Greenbrier Dr. (Offices, restaurants, hotels)

Add right turn lane and new traffic signal to the intersection of hydraulic rd and commonwealth dr.

The west side of the intersection of Four Seasons and Commonwealth Drive. Improve fencing and clear vegetative debris and legacy utility structures at the area where the perennial waters flow under the road. There is currently a chainlink fences entangled with trees and wires from some yep of utility.

Dominion Drive by the First Citizen bank and private residence. Install a property stormwater facility to drain road runoff and complete a short segment of sidewalk within an existing curb. Dedicate the receiving stormwater area with a easement and clean out trash and tree debris left by Century link contractors when they installed the new switching station. Consider asking CenturyLink to plant shrubbery around the switching station to make less visible to neighbors.

Intersection of Greenbrier and Commonwealth Drive. Upgrade all street signs to metal with property road identifications.

Identify strategic areas within the urban ring where stormwater Facilities or sidewalk areas could benefit from vegetative clearing under the budgets of RWSA and ACSA. (I.e., sidewalk area along Four Seasons Drive).

## Process Improvements/Questions

- Beautification projects require upkeep – which suggest need for an ongoing funding stream for County
- Explore local tax increases to fund bike paths, bike lanes, and sidewalks to interconnect urban area communities. This is a quality of living issue and future proofs the region's attractiveness to higher income residents, and offets growth's impact on traffic density.
- CAAR partnership opportunities
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