

BOARD: Share Your Feedback

Question	Comment	Tags	Notes
Types of Development or Changes Desired	Reduce Lee Bridge to 2 lanes. Use 3rd lane for pedestrians and bikes	Bikes, Pedestrians, Walkability, Roadway Design, Cowardin Avenue	Out of study area boundary
	More benches and trash cans	Streetscape, Street furniture, Walkability, Cleanliness	
	Grocery Store?	Uses, Grocery Store	
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	Plant trees so that those walking have shade	Walkability, Pedestrians, Trees, Streetscape, Shade	
	Local grocery store, bigger library, more connectivity, bike paths - safe for families	Uses, Grocery Store, Connectivity, Bikes, Road Safety	
	Ice cream place or other small business	Uses	
	Aldi/Lidl	Uses, Grocery Store	
	Bike lane connectivity Riverside to Riverview	Bikes, Connectivity, Riverside Drive	
	Gym	Uses	
	Improve Semmes and Cowardin intersection	Cowardin Avenue, Semmes Avenue, Roadway Design	
	Grocery Stores - next to Belle Heights	Uses, Grocery Store	
	Grocery Store!! (that hires locally)	Uses, Grocery Store	
	Work with VCU to bring an electric car/tram back to RVA. Reduce traffic, increase safety	Public transit, Historic Heritage, Traffic, Road Safety	
	Protected urban tree canopy	Trees	
Grocery store, LESS luxury housing/apartments, more affordable housing, protected tree canopy, improved bike lanes and pedestrian protection, river/park/forest protection	Uses, Grocery Store, Affordable housing, Trees, Bikes, Pedestrians, Walkability, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Open Space, Natural Environment		

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Types of Development or Changes Desired (cont'd)	Community building, Grocery store!!, Middle school, useful stores: gym, daycare, cleaners, stop the vape stores, green spaces	Uses, Grocery Store, Community spaces, Open Space	
	Reduce emphasis on car/vehicle traffic, Prioritize multi-modal esp. bikes and bus, Continue building tree canopy to reduce heat, Road diet down Cowardin, Speed limit reduction on Midlo Tnpk from start to George Wythe	Bikes, Walkability, Public Transit, Roadway design, Cowardin Avenue, Trees	Out of study area boundary
	Widen path from Riverview to TPot Bridge (currently behind metal fence in Bank parking lot)	Walkability, Connectivity	Out of study area boundary
Concerns about future growth or development	I want to reduce use of public spaces and roads for private parking	Parking	
	Parking	Parking	
	"Fast casual", Trammell Crow -built developments	Uses, large developers	
	That it won't be affordable! We can have income based rent that makes it affordable for regular people	Affordable housing, Rent costs	
	This is corrupt. You are going to embezzle, harm us. Bring in illegals. Stop this!	?	
	No splash pad at Fonticello! Too many other things need priority and homeless live there	?	Out of study areas boundary
	Dangerous traffic, more ped/bike friendly commutes, less vape shops, more community spaces, environmental	Traffic, Road safety, Bikes, Pedestrians, Walkability, Uses, Community spaces, Natural Environment	
Top Priorities	Increased pedestrian scale retail, road diets and speed limit reductions, bike lanes that don't suck!!! Semmes Avenue bike lane is unusable but Westover is nicer.	Uses, Pedestrians, Streetscape, Roadway design, Bikes	
	Grocery Store, Safe crosswalks, Bike lane, coffee shop	Uses, Roadway Design, Road safety, Pedestrians, Walkability, Bikes	
	Grocery Store, open space - community garden	Uses, Grocery Store, Open Space	

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Top Priorities (cont'd)	Bike/ ped safety	Roadway Design, Road safety, Bikes, Pedestrians	
	Walkability and bike/pedestrian safety. Grocery Store!	Roadway Design, Road safety, Bikes, Pedestrians, Grocery Store, Uses	
	Budget friendly grocery Lidl/Aldi/Food Lion. Too many current or planned residents in this area to not have grocery	Uses, Grocery Store	
	Traffic calming on Semmes!, SPEED TABLES like the other end of Semmes by Mayo Bridge and by fire station on Forest Hill Ave. No more deaths please.	Roadway Design, Road Safety, Semmes Avenue	
	Grocery Store! There is a lot of new density in Manchester, townhomes and future apartments on Semmes, and future senior living on 19th and Semmes	Uses, Grocery Store	
	Bike/ pedestrian friendly. Landscape placemaking	Roadway Design, Road safety, Bikes, Pedestrians, Streetscape	
	Proposed Cowardin Ave & Semmes Ave Intersection (with design images): Remove slip lane, Have continuous bike lanes with safer crossing, Reduce Cowardin Avenue to 4 lanes to make multi-modal, Dutch-style intersection, Paint is not infrastructure!, BETTER BIKE LANES!	Roadway Design, Road safety, Bikes, Pedestrians, Cowardin Avenue, Semmes Avenue	

BOARD: Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

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Tell us about the biggest problems and challenges you face when moving about the neighborhood.	Connect Riverside and Railroad Ave with bike lanes to Potterfield Bridge and concerts	Connectivity, Bikes, Riverside Drive	
	Bus shelters	Public transit, Street furniture	
	Slow traffic Semmes	Traffic, Speeding, Road Safety, Semmes Avenue	
	Slow down traffic on Semmes	Traffic, Speeding, Road Safety, Semmes Avenue	
	Lack of protected bike lanes	Bikes, Roadway Design, Road safety	
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	W 21st / Semmes dangerous intersection for pedestrians!	Pedestrians, Roadway Design, Road safety	
	W 21st / Semmes dangerous intersection for pedestrians! (this x10)	Pedestrians, Roadway Design, Road safety	
	Dedicated turn lane into 20th/Belle Isle townhouses. Trim bushes there. They're too full and too close to the turn.	Roadway Design, Road safety, Semmes Avenue, Visibility	Clarification: Possibly referring to Belle Heights townhouses entrance at 20th Street.
	Merge from Riverview to Lee Bridge is basically blind to traffic coming up Riverside. Bridge over Reedy Creek (by Roanoke) is too narrow for bikes.	Roadway design, Road safety, Riverside Drive	
Bike lanes on Bainbridge connected to Mayo Bridge and Capital Trail!	Bikes, Connectivity		

BOARD: Traffic Crashes Heat Map

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N/A	These existing slip lanes are dangerous and unnecessary	Roadway Design, Road Safety, Cowardin Avenue, Semmes Avenue	
N/A	Semmes - There are no crosswalks	Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability, Semmes Avenue	
N/A	Trailer park site - Don't build apartment over a underground river	Flooding, Natural environment	
N/A	People have died at these X's (with X's drawn on the northside of Semmes Avenue in the block between 20th and 21st streets)	Road Safety, Semmes Avenue	
N/A	Added traffic for new apartments at trailer park site - How to manage	Traffic	
N/A	Signal light Perry and Cowardin	Traffic, Roadway Design, Roadway Safety, Cowardin Avenue	
N/A	Fonticello Park /29th - Cannot see kids at playground because of cars blocking crosswalk/bushes. Bump-out needed	Roadway Design, Road Safety, Visibility	Out of study area boundary
N/A	Find new and less permissive and lenient traffic court judges. David Hicks must GO!	?	
N/A	Plant trees along residential streets. Enroll the Richmond Tree Stewards to plant them.	Trees, Streetscape	
N/A	Needs lanes painted and updated signage at Bainbridge light. Scary to bike and drive because cars use it as 2 lanes or 1 lane based on vibes. Road diet to 2 lanes max on Cowardin so it doesn't feel like a highway.	Bikes, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Bainbridge Street, Cowardin Avenue	Bainbridge/ Cowardin Intersection
N/A	More speed bumps/ bumpouts on Semmes near new crossroads crosswalk and Patrick Henry. People fly down that hill	Roadway Design, Road Safety, Semmes Avenue	Out of study area boundary

BOARD: Future Connections Map

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How do we better connect the neighborhood? What streetscape elements are needed to create true Greenways, Enhanced Transit corridors and Great Streets?	How we are curtailing speed? Had a friend hit by a car and nothing slowed it down.		
	Shelter for bus stops	Street furniture, Streetscape, Public transit	
	Perry and Cowardin needs traffic light and crosswalk	Cowardin Avenue, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability	
	Need more crosswalks on Semmes. Slow down Semmes traffic	Semmes Avenue, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability	
	Semmes Avenue - 1) One traffic lane in each direction. 2) Curb seperated bike and pedestrian ways. 3) 25MPH speed limit. 4) Remove Route 60 designation. 5) Raised intersections to reduce traffic speeds. 6) Remove concrete poles and overhead wires and plan them underground to lessen outages and improve safety	Semmes Avenue, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability, Streetscape	
	Yes		In reference to the resident comment about Semmes Avenue 6 main ideas comment
	Missing link trail between Canoe Run and T-Pot	Connectivity, Bikes, Walkability	Referring to the location along Riverside/ Riverview
	Missing link trail between Canoe Run and T-Pot. Expand the path by the Bank's parking lot	Connectivity, Bikes, Walkability	Referring to the location along Riverside/ Riverview

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How do we better connect the neighborhood? What streetscape elements are needed to create true Greenways, Enhanced Transit corridors and Great Streets? (cont'd)	Manchester votes in United Nations Church. The only crosswalk to walk is at Semmes which is very dangerous	Cowardin Avenue, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability	
	Dollar General is the only place to shop for people who don't [?]. People [?] at their peril.	Cowardin Avenue, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability, Uses	
	Bus stop needs a cover and benches - sometimes as many as 10 people standing in weeds	Streetscape, Street furniture, Public transit	
	More trees, more shade!	Trees	
	Connect Fonticello Park to shared use path	Connectivity, Open Space	
	Yes!! Connect Fonticello Park to shared use path	Connectivity, Open Space	
	Bike parking at Fonticello Park. Placemaking signage. Community spaces. Protected bikeways; biking on Bainbridge is not safe. Ped beacons.	Bikes, Roadway Design, Road Safety, Pedestrians, Walkability, Placemaking, Community Space	

BOARDS WITH NO COMMENTS
Existing Land Use
Proposed Development
Economic Incentive Zones