

Agenda Item 11

Public Comments – Supplemental Information

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
April 17, 2014



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**HRTPO Public Comment**  
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RE: Public Comment Supplemental Information

Name: Mr. Bruce Drees, President of the Tidewater Bicycle Association
Date: April 17, 2014
Subject: Inclusion of Bike and Ped Paths with Light Rail



Tidewater Bicycle Association



Charlotte Light Rail Trail Site Visit and Meetings 4/3/2014



Charlotte's Light Rail Trail

- Recognizing a need for more knowledge on the viability of including bike-ped paths alongside of light rail for the South Hampton Roads Trail, TBA sponsored a trip to meet with Charlotte, NC Dept. of Transportation (CDOT) officials.
 - CDOT has many years of experience with Lynx LRT
- Trip included planners and engineers from
 - City of Va Beach (3)
 - City of Norfolk(1)
 - HRTPO (1), and 4 members of the TBA Board

Charlotte's Light Rail Trail



←We started at the Charlotte Transportation Center bike share station in downtown

Continuous 10'-16' bike-ped paths on both sides of a 28' wide rail bed further extend station access and development opportunities↓

Charlotte has seen over \$1.45B in new private investment since 2005 along the Lynx LRT corridor. The paths are very integral to this success→



Charlotte's Light Rail Trail



←Many new businesses cater to light rail and path users, "front facing" the paths and LRT tracks

New transit oriented development just finishing construction. Developers further improve the path(s) with decorative fencing and landscaping→

