Date of Meeting: September 21, 2010

Board of Supervisors Action Item

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Board Member-Initiated Item

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Repairs along Ashburn Road

ELECTION DISTRICT: Broad Run

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: At the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors

STAFF CONTACT: Jessica Echard, Aide to Supervisor Waters

RECOMMENDATIONS: Supervisor Waters recommends approval

BACKGROUND: Over the past year, Supervisor Waters' office has received complaints regarding the dangerous condition of the sidewalk along Ashburn Road in Old Ashburn from approximately Stubble Road to Tolomac Drive. The sidewalk is broken into chunks, drops off at various places, and is nearly impossible to use safely. Upon contacting the Office of Transportation Services (OTS), it was discovered that the sidewalk does not fall into the VDOT right of way, nor any publically held easement. Repairing the sidewalk would require acquiring additional right of way. Further, there is no HOA governing the broader old Ashburn community, particularly along this road.

This item asks OTS, in consultation with the Office of Construction and Waste Management, to outline what kind of work program would be necessary to repair the sidewalk, including costs associated with the project. The item would then be brought back to the Transportation and Land Use committee for further consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT: None (to create the work program).

ALTERNATIVES: The Board can take no action on the item.

DRAFT MOTION:

1) I move the Board of Supervisors direct staff to outline a work program and associated costs to repair the sidewalk along Ashburn Road between Stubble Road and Tolamac

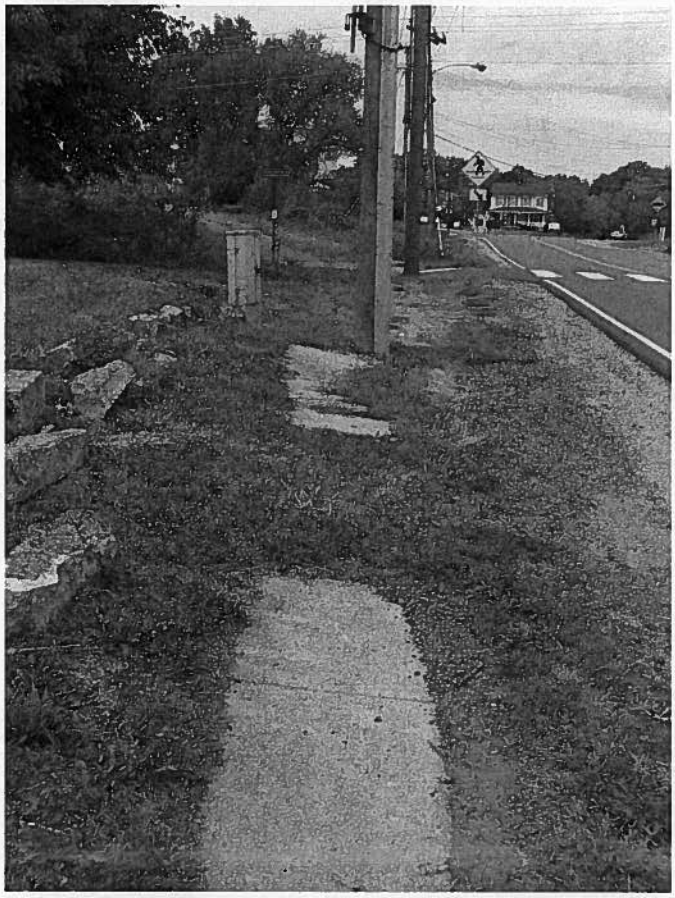
Drive (approximately) and bring back to the Transportation and Land Use Committee.

Or

2) I move an alternate motion.

Attachment 1 Sidewalk Pictures
Attachment 2 Constituent Emails

Sidewalk on West side of Ashburn Road



At Intersection to the W & OD Trail

Attachment 2-1

From: Scott and Patti JACKSON
To: Lori Waters
Subject: Sidewalks in Ashburn

Sent:3/31/2009 8:35:42 PM

Mrs. Waters,

I was advised to contact you in regards to the sidewalk situation in old town Ashburn. We moved to this area over last summer with a vision of wellness and the ability to walk trails and ride bikes. We are living in Ashburn Station off Ashburn Road. We quickly discovered our neighborhood would not allow us to be part of the trail structure built around this community. We are locked within our development and the only means to get to Cedar Lane Elementary, Dinosaur Park, or the W&OD trail is to navigate the narrow Ashburn Rd with our 3 small children or risk ourselves on the poorly maintained sidewalk structure on Ashburn Rd.

My son recently took a terrible spill trying to navigate the sidewalk on his bike. This accident has prompted me to find out HOW to get these sidewalks fixed. The sidewalk where he was injured has such a severe incline to the side, I cannot even manage a stroller over it. This needs to be fixed to prevent further accidents from occurring. We should not be forced into this dangerous road nor injured on these poorly maintained sidewalks. Wasn't there cases of homeowners being sued for ice on sidewalks? What is the difference between ice and broken and cracked pavement? I do not know if it is a homeowner responsibility, state, county or what. Please advise what I need to do to remedy this situation before something more serious occurs. I will gather signatures from the surrounding areas if necessary.

Thanks for you time,
Patricia Jackson
43659 Glen Castle Ct
Ashburn, VA 20147

Attachment 2-2

Echard, Jessica

From: Ed Drapela [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 12:08 PM
To: Waters, Lori
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Sidewalk in Ashburn

Ms. Waters,

I live at 20857 Ashburn Road and have a sidewalk in front of my house that is falling into Ashburn Road. I approached your predecessor (Chuck "Bulldoze it down" Harris) and was told that it was my problem as this was not a county sidewalk and was not on county property.

I have been looking into removing or repairing, at my expense, the section in front of my property. Before I commence demolition or renovation, I would like to have a formal document from the county government that this is indeed on my property and I am free to do as I wish. If you could start in motion whatever process is necessary to accomplish this, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

Cheers,

Ed Drapela

Ashburn, Virginia 20147