

EXISTING ROADS

In some instances, for route continuity, bicycle facilities may be routed over existing facilities which are not planned for expansion. In these cases, the facilities are an operational feature and usually result in the identification of a bike lane, restriction of parking, or some other physical modification to accommodate bicycle travel. It is necessary for the State Transportation and Mobility Planning Administrator to coordinate with the District Engineer/Administrator, the responsible District Traffic Engineer*, and appropriate Divisions in the Central Office to assure agreement on the method of treatment for a bikeway over an existing route. All the conditions of VDOT Bicycle Facility Participation Guidelines and VDOT Funding Guidelines need to be met except the bicycle facility is not required to be constructed concurrently with a highway construction project. VDOT's financial participation and funding will be the same as specified in VDOT Funding Guidelines.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND SITE PLANS

When bicycle facilities are considered as part of the total development of a property where the road system will be maintained in the future by VDOT and the local government requires bicycle facilities in new developments, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- The bicycle element of the entire plan for the development must be reviewed and approved by the local government prior to final approval by the State Transportation and Mobility Planning Administrator. Appropriate review must be made, and communication regarding the resolution of bicycle facility systems must be carried on between the Transportation Land-Use Director, responsible District Traffic Engineer, and the State Transportation and Mobility Planning Administrator.
- Along any roadways identified in the site plan, which will be maintained in the future by VDOT, a bicycle facility may be incorporated into the development parallel to but off of the right of way dedicated for street purposes. The maintenance and the responsibility for operating the bicycle facility would fall on the owner, which would be the locality, the developer, or other entity with the responsibility of maintenance of the common land of the development and not the responsibility of VDOT. The bicycle facility right of way will be exclusive of the roadway right of way; thus, future changes and/or modifications in the bicycle facility would not be the responsibility of VDOT.
- Bicycle facilities within the VDOT right of way shall be designed in accordance with the resources mentioned in the previous section titled: **“VDOT POLICY TO IMPROVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS”**.

For major developments and site plans where the roadway system will not be maintained in the future by VDOT, all bicycle facility connections to VDOT maintained facilities shall be subject to review and approval by the District Engineer/Administrator.

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