



Virginia Avenue Tactical Urbanism Bike Lane Pilot

Letter to the Community

Dear neighbors,

Over the past year, many of you have taken the time to share your thoughts and experiences with the temporary bike lane pilot on Virginia Avenue. On behalf of the VHCA Board, thank you for your participation and for the care you bring to our neighborhood.

Our Safe Streets Committee has now completed the *Virginia Avenue Tactical Urbanism Bike Lane Pilot: Year-One Community Feedback Summary*. The summary brings together the range of perspectives we heard through surveys, meetings, and conversations with neighbors. We encourage you to take a look.

[Read the Year-One Community Feedback Summary](#)

The summary documents what we've heard. It does not make a recommendation about whether the existing bike lane should become permanent or be extended.

We also want to clarify what happens next. Rather than bringing the City into the conversation now, the **VHCA intends to keep this conversation within our neighborhood's own planning process.**

As the new VHCA Board begins its term, updating our 2014 Master Plan is among the priorities we intend to pursue. Potential Virginia Avenue biking infrastructure will be considered as part of that broader neighborhood planning effort.

The feedback collected over the past year will remain with VHCA and inform this process. We are not submitting it to the City as a request to advance or approve a permanent bike lane. Instead, we intend to use it alongside professional planning expertise and additional community input to better understand the neighborhood's priorities before determining what recommendations, if any, VHCA should make.

One of the ways VHCA serves our community is by reinvesting funds raised through neighborhood events like Summerfest and Tour of Homes. These funds put us in a position to invest in professional planning and community engagement, helping ensure that our neighborhood's priorities and perspectives remain central to the process.

Master Planning has long been part of VHCA's work. It gives neighbors an opportunity to consider how our community has changed, work with professional planners, and help shape recommendations for the future. With planning already underway along North Highland Avenue, we also see an opportunity to coordinate these efforts and make thoughtful use of our resources.



As the proposed Master Plan update takes shape, we anticipate additional opportunities for public participation, including community meetings and a Town Hall where neighbors can review the work, ask questions, and share their perspectives before recommendations are finalized.

To reiterate, no decisions have been made about permanent changes to the Virginia Avenue bike lane or an extension of the pilot. VHCA will not approve a design, recommend construction, or request that the City move the project toward permanence. Our immediate focus is on neighborhood planning and continued community participation.

We appreciate the many perspectives shared over the past year. Our goal is to make sure those perspectives are documented, considered, and carried forward as the neighborhood continues its planning work.

Thank you for your continued involvement in Virginia-Highland,
Virginia-Highland Civic Association