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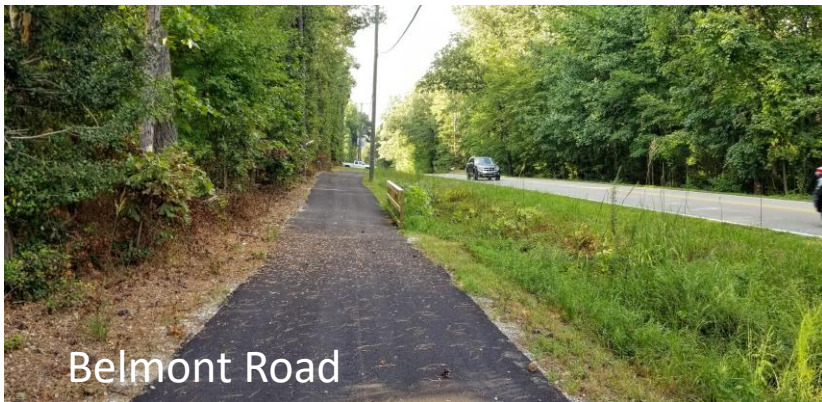
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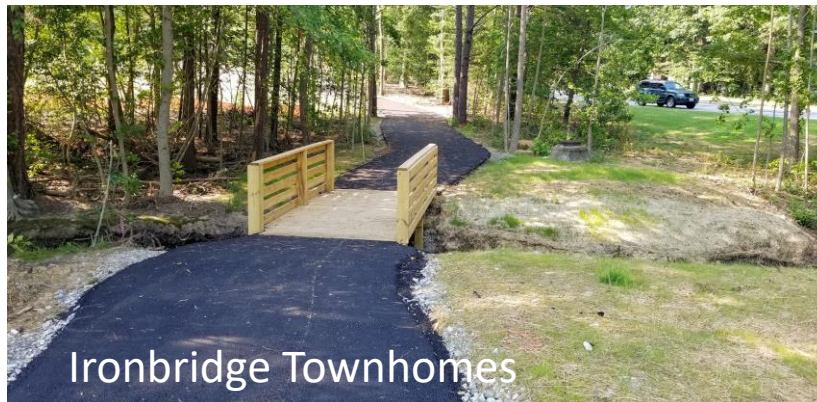
The Station at Chester Village

We have had 5 solid years of implementing the county's bikeway system. Most have been built by the development community. They have built sections nearly a mile long yet are not connected to places yet. This is where the county must come in and make the connections. Let people get to destinations and to other neighborhoods.

Yet neither County Administration nor the Board of Supervisors have moved to participate. Just the opposite appears to be happening – support for the bikeway system is waning except for the Fall Line Trail being built by VDOT. This is the wrong direction for the County. The bikeway system needs expanding! There are 4 reasons we need the bikeway (shared-use path) system. See next slide.



Belmont Road



Ironbridge Townhomes



Jessup Meadows

Four Reasons Bikeways Are Good for Chesterfield Residents and Businesses

Number 1: A well-designed bikeway system builds resiliency into our community. Take the gentleman below on Iron Bridge Road. He is carrying a workload of equipment with him. Look to our future. Any major interruption in people's lives could result in loss of jobs or loss of a car. Think economic downturn, pandemic, the expected impact of AI (artificial intelligence) on job loss, and the unknown impacts of climate change. Today people don't have a safe choice to use a bike because our bikeway system doesn't connect.



Number 2: A well-designed bikeway system provides safety. Just as the photo shows, this is not a safe way to get to work. Bikeway accommodations along roads (5-ft wide strip next to car lane) are unsafe as well. Separated lanes along roads like Turner Road work well with a sidewalk for pedestrians, but separated shared-use paths are best as shown in photos above.

Number 3: Shared-use paths are an excellent way to exercise and get outside whether for fun or to reach a destination. We have few ways to exercise without getting into a car to go somewhere. Biking can engage friends and family. Businesses would start to realize they need bike racks for customers.

Number 4: A growing bikeway system makes Chesterfield unique and a First Choice place to live. We are ahead of most jurisdictions across the US. There are few suburban counties that have pursued a bikeway system as effectively as we are doing.