

**March 11, 2013 Arlington Bike Advisory Committee Meeting  
Draft minutes**

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Arlington County/Bike Arlington – Chris Eatough, Dave Kirschner, David Patton, Kevin Stalica

***New member welcome***

***February Meeting Summary and Adoption of Minutes*** – Minutes of the February 2013 meeting were approved.

As part of the discussion of the outreach to Latinos, there were suggestions that the ABAC should ask for some representation from the community. Walter Tejada might be a good person to provide some outreach to the community.

***Arlington County Staff Updates (submitted in advance)***

Dave Goodman submitted an extensive update on Arlington County actions. This update is attached to these notes. Dave reports that the bike counts are live on the BikeArlington website. The plan for BA is to allow external developers to access the data for their use and analysis.

Discussion of the utility and appropriateness of bike parking in front of stores. Arlington County has been looking for ways to help with bike parking. Arlington County installed in-street bike parking in front of the Java Shack. Mark Blacknell suggested that the ABAC should look for opportunities to encourage a common sense approach to the implementation and enforcement of the rules.

David Kirschner provided links to the 2013 Arlington County paving plan. The 2013 street paving and slurry seal maps are now available. As you probably know, these are the catalyst for many of our bike and pedestrian improvements each year. You can find the paving and slurry seal maps on their respective sites:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/StreetPaving.aspx>

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/StreetSlurry.aspx>

There are expected the paving on N Harrison Street will include bike treatments.

***Bike Arlington Update – Chris Eatough, BikeArlington Program Manager  
(submitted in advance)***

Here are the encouragement and education updates from BikeArlington. See you at the BAC meeting on Monday!

Arlington Loop Infographic - A new infographic featuring "Going Places on the Arlington Loop" ran in the March-April edition of the Citizen. The intention is to highlight what a fantastic asset "The Loop" is, and how it makes it easy to get places and do things in Arlington and beyond. Here is a pdf:

<http://www.bikearlington.com/tasks/sites/bike/assets/File/Arlington-Loop.jpg>

PAL - There is now a PAL online toolkit, making it easy for anyone to use and share the PAL materials and messaging. Please help spread the vibe. Check it out here:

<http://www.commuterpage.com/pages/pal/toolkit/>

National Bike Summit - BikeArlington attended the recent National Bike Summit. The big takeaway was that bicycles are good for business and good for the economy. Communities are finding that as they become more bikeable, walkable, and transit accessible, their local economy improves. This is becoming the strongest selling point for bike advocates, even more important than the other great benefits of biking (health, air quality, congestion, etc). The League of American Bicyclists blog has some good recaps:<http://blog.bikeleague.org/blog/>

Bike Education in Arlington - BikeArlington will provide free bike classes throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall. There are classes for all ability and experience levels. In total, there will be 32 classes:

- 4 Learn to Ride Classes (for complete beginners that do not know how to ride a bike)
- 4 Instructional Bike Rides (for people that can ride a bike, but want to learn to ride safely with traffic)
- 24 Two Wheel Tuesdays (interactive classroom sessions, not on bike, for all ability levels)

The first classes will be in April:

- April 13, Instructional Bike Ride, Quincy Parking Deck, Washington-Lee High School
- April 14 and 28, Learn to Ride Class, Long Branch Elementary School
- Every Tuesday in April, 7pm to 8:30pm, Two Wheel Tuesdays, Westover Library

At least one of the interactive classroom sessions will be in Spanish (maybe a Two Wheel Tuesday or may be on another day). More classes will be announced during the year. Information is posted at <http://www.bikearlington.com/education>

Bike Safety Seminar en Espanol - BikeArlington recently held a bike safety seminar in Spanish for the SEEC Day Laborers Group in Arlington. The event was a huge success with great participation and interest. Helmets, lights and bike maps were distributed.

There will be a two wheel Tuesday course in Spanish as well. Find out more here: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/news-events/blog/bicycle-safety-en-espanol-no-subtitles-needed/>. There was discussion of the time of day use for the trails by day

laborers and how the counts correlated. Within the presentations to the Latino workers, there have been exchanges and information gathered.

Bike to Work Day, registration now open - Go to <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>  
TELL YOUR FRIENDS, COWORKERS, NEIGHBORS, ETC!

Allen Muchnick – Transportation

Route 27 over Route 110 public meeting. See VDOT project webpage at [ [http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/route\\_27\\_over\\_route\\_110.asp](http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/route_27_over_route_110.asp) ]. Not a whole lot of information presented on the project. The bridge will be lengthened to 470 feet and the abutments will be changed to allow trails under the bridge. The trail on the bridge will be wider than the existing trail is but the scope of the project is likely presently limited to the bridge alone. At the north end of the bridge, safe trail crossings of Rt 27 exit and entrance ramps are critical.

State legislation – all the pro-cycling bills were killed, many on the house floor. Allen says that many of the bills in previous years had been killed in subcommittee or committee so he feels that some progress has been made. The trail stop sign bill is only enabling legislation and the local governments have to adopt local ordinances to implement it.

National Bike Summit Meeting with Zach Cafritz (Rep Moran's office)

Women on Bikes – Megan discussed her participation at the Women in Bikes Summit and urged all members to look for ways to get more women involved in cycling.

### **Trail Conditions**

Steve Offutt commended Arlington County for removing all the bollards from the new bridge by the EFC Metro.

The meeting broke into subgroups to address special topics.

### **Notes from the Focus for the County/Government**

David Kirschner indicated that Arlington County was increasing funding for roadway improvements in the out years

David Kirschner said that the budget for this year and next year will be pretty tight.

David Patton reported he understood that the use of decal fee funding to support cycling is remaining intact.

It was the feeling of the group that DES should handle the paving and pavement maintenance for the trails. This was based on the fact that the DES does most of the paving in Arlington County and

The feeling of the group is that we want to maintain maintenance for trails and working to ensure that road maintenance is well supervised to prevent debris in the roadways. Protect the decal fees for CaBi and other trail related efforts. Follow up on the park trail condition inspections to ensure the report done several years ago informs decisions.

Transfer the responsibility for the paving of the trails to DES as a way to conserve resources and build on the DES expertise.

Involve the NPS (GWMP) because it is such a critical aspect of the Arlington Loop and other long distance cycling routes. Roll out the Bevins reports that were done on the GWMP.

### **Membership and Cyclist Communication**

Acknowledge the support Arlington County has provided for cycling. Urge the county to ensure BikeArlington as an outreach organization to build cycling. Building on the available data to highlight. The ABAC position statement on how we want to be engaged was discussed and generally agreed on.

Ride for elected leaders in June.

Joyce Street underpass of I-395 grand opening in April.