

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
January 6, 2014 Meeting – Notes for Review and Comment

2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Megan Jones, Steve Appel, Cory Bilton, Dana Bres, Gillian Burgess, Patricia Chaupis, Eric Goodman, Steve Offutt, Jim Presswood, Tim Rosato, Chris Slatt, Randy Swart, Rich Tepel, Brandon Walsh

David Goodman, Tim Kelley, David Patton, Kevin Stalica

Visitors: Lander Allen (Alcova Heights), Kyle Lukacs (APS), Don Fisk (Madison Manor), Andrea Walker (Arlington Ridge)

General

New member welcome – several individuals joined the meeting

Adoption of December Notes

Snow Operations – Kevin Stalica said that they were assessing the snow operations and would provide additional information probably next month. Kevin Stalica reported that the Custis and portions of the W&OD were cleared following the snowstorm on Friday with snowmelt on the bridges and a bobcat on the trail. He reported that the higher level (more comprehensive) of service was still under consideration.

The snow removal plan includes detailed maps with treatment approaches and responsibilities. It exists to meet identified needs and establish staff priorities.

During a heavy snow event, they may have to do the first priority snow removal operations several times, preventing the ability to do snow removal on the lower priority areas.

David Goodman reported that he saw value in a discussion of snow clearing priorities in a holistic manner.

Members of the BAC discussed the need for Arlington County to address the snow clearing priorities to review the snow clearing priorities.

Kevin Stalica said that if there was a route that was observed to be widely used by students to get to schools would be cleared to support access.

Trail Ambassadors – Andrea Walker Discussed conflicts between peds and cyclists on MUT. She is a member of a walkers group and came to the meeting to suggest that greater coordination could be established to assist. Kevin Stalica suggested that the general issue was one of trail etiquette.

Gillian suggested trail education might be improved by the use of signs with short messages (aka “Burma Shave” signs). Kevin Stalica said that they might be able to install a set of signs in rotation.

David Goodman reported that there were national standards for MUT (10 feet) and they have experienced significant pushback about designing new trails that segregated pedestrians and cyclists.

Kevin Stalica suggested that they had some pretty good response to some recent efforts to improve dogs on leashes

Discussion of Road Closure Information

The FMR bridge demolition project is moving forward and will result in the closures. Staff indicated they could not control that process as it was a private project occurring in Alexandria (portions of the area north of FMR in that area are in Alexandria).

Staff Updates and Questions

David Patton – TRB will be meeting in DC next week and David Patton will be attending. He will be discussing Bike-Ped data with DOT and NHTSA.

David Goodman – DES has hired a new Bureau Chief (Larry Marcus) that cycles to work and is quite knowledgeable about multi-modal.

There are currently four protected bike lane projects in the works. All are in the Crystal City – Pentagon City area. Army-Navy Drive, Eads Street, 18th Street (from Fern to Hayes) and along Clark and Bell.

David Goodman reported that they have some money to fix trails and are looking for ideas for critical repairs. He will post this to the BAC listserv

BikeArlington Update (provided by Tim Kelley in advance)

Events & Outreach Coordinator Position Listing – We will be posting a job description listing for the open position on BikeArlington.com later this month and will be advertising it over social media. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please tell them to stay tuned to our various outreach channels!

Transportation Camp – The “unconference” focusing on bringing together transportation professionals, technologists, and others interested in the intersection of urban transportation and technology is happening on January 11th at GMU in Arlington. [This video tells you why you should attend](#) and here’s the website with registration details: <http://transportationcamp.org/>

Following up on last month’s updates:

- A to B by Bike Videos – Progress continues to move on this project and we hope to have the first of several videos in the next month or so.
- New Bike to Work Day Pit Stop – It’s confirmed! Arlington’s newest Bike to Work Day (May 16th) will be on Columbia Pike at Penrose Square Park (2503 Columbia Pike). We’re partnering with the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (C-Pro) to help run it. When the big day rolls around, we’ll need more volunteer help than ever since we have a total of 5 pit stops in Arlington now!

Working Groups

Police (Gillian and Dana) – Gillian reported that she had a recent opportunity to observe ACPD actions at Lynn and Lee.

Family & Schools (Kyle Lukacs) – The SRTS coordinator will attend the BAC meetings regularly. He has been on the job since the fall and is working with DES and the ACPS to improve routes to school. Bike to School day will be in May 2014. ACPS is expanding the focus on transportation to be more inclusive than just busses and is open to walking and cycling.

County & County Board (Jakob and Mark) – Jakob, Mark and Megan met with Jay Fissette to discuss cycling. Jay Fissette is a rider and is open to cycling enhancements.

Butts on Bikes (Megan and Jakob) – HP100 was a great success with 150 people attending.

Federal (Dana) – Our suggestion for greater collaboration was positively received by the leadership of the GWMP. They suggested possibly increasing the participation to create a multi-jurisdictional group that may work on regional bike issues as well.

Steve Offutt suggested we develop a strategy to capture ideas on improving cycling infrastructure. (Following the meeting a forum thread was developed to identify suggested improvements)