

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
February 3, 2014 Meeting – Notes for Review and Comment
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Jakob Wolf-Barnett, Megan Jones, Steve Appel, Cory Bilton, Mark Blacknell, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, Gillian Burgess, Dan Fisk, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Cynthia Palmer, Tim Rosato, Randy Swart

Chris Eatough, David Goodman, Dave Kirschner, David Patton, Kevin Stalica

Visitors: Beck Nadine (Babes on Bikes), Andrew Rude

General

New member welcome – several individuals joined the meeting

Adoption of January 2014 Notes

Discussed strategies to effectively interact with the ACPD representative (LT Green). The plan will be to discuss forward looking topics.

JWB announced the March meeting would be Monday 10 March (the second Monday in March) to deconflict the BAC meeting with the National Bike Summit.

Staff Updates and Questions

David Goodman – posted info on the BAC google group list to see where the highest priority repaving might be done. This may be done with the paving in a single stretch

Some discussion about a short stretch of Long Bridge Drive. DK said that there was a longer term plan to fix.

DG demonstrated a new online service that would allow cyclists identify a problem that needs to be logged by the county. Topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/

CE demonstrated the new video aid that would help cyclists get from one place to another. He wanted input on from-to locations and suggested that they send the comments to info@bikearlington.com

Snow Operations

Kevin Stalica presented information on the snow clearing operations plan. He indicated that there was no change to the snow plan but they have been able to work some additional areas as a result of a relatively light snowfall. He said that the

Under normal circumstances, some of the Parks staff would shift to DES to support their operations.

Kevin reported that there are no changes in policy or procedures with respect to trail cleaning however they were looking at ways to get additional resources or equipment. The priorities were based on the location of schools or metro stations. Kevin said they have fabricated a brine tank for treating trails with brine. Kevin said that the Parks staff had a better understanding of the trails (vehicle weight and clearance) than the staff from DES.

There was a discussion on the merits of having the DES provide trail clearing. At the root, the issue remains resources to conduct trail clearing. The general consensus was that getting the trails recognized as transportation (rather than recreation) routes would improve the priority for the clearing effort.

JWB indicated that they had invited Jay Fissette to a BAC meeting but he has not yet responded.

DG said that DES

Four protected bike lanes in the works.

Discussion of Road Closure Information

FMR Trail Closures have started (closures required to the east of Route 1 to permit demolition of a bridge) and the Pulte project manager reports that

Eads Street - Work was delayed due to unforeseen utility conflicts in December. Work is expected to resume on the site with daytime restrictions to one lane at a time getting by during work hours. They estimate that work will be completed by June.

BikeArlington Update (provided by Chris Eatough in advance)

Hiring: BikeArlington is still in the hiring process for the Event and Outreach Coordinator, deadline for applications is 3/5/14

A to B by Bike: A new series of short videos coming this spring. Handlebar point of view with dynamic inset map. You can send you suggestions for trips that should include to info@BikeArlington.com. All trips should start or end in Arlington (or both), be 2 to 5 miles in length and include a fun and motivating purpose, for example: "Welburn Square, Ballston to Java Shack, Courthouse to get a coffee at Java Shack".

Level of Comfort Map A new option for the Arlington bike map. Target audience is the "interested but concerned". Bike network segments will be rated based on level of comfort of the interactions with motor vehicles. Staff is working on the first edition. There will be a feedback mechanism to improve future editions. Target launch date, May 16.

Bike to Work Day, May 16 Arlington will be hosting 5 pit stops:

- Rosslyn (Rosslyn Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway), 6:30AM – 9AM
- Ballston (Freshbikes Shop, 3924 Wilson Blvd), 6:30AM – 9AM
- Crystal City (Crystal City Water Park, 1750 Crystal Drive), 7AM – 9AM
- ***NEW* Columbia Pike (Penrose Square, 2503 Columbia Pike), 6:30AM – 9AM**
- East Falls Church (W&OD Trail - Tri360 Shop, East of Lee Highway/N. Washington St.), 4PM – 7PM

Each stop will have music, free food and beverages, fun giveaways and local exhibitors. For more information and to sign up, go to www.BikeToWorkMetroDC.org

1. Lt. Green from the ACPD
 - a. What does coordination between ACPD and County Government (DES, Schools, etc.) look like?
 - b. What are challenges & opportunities ACPD sees in working towards making roadways safer?
 - c. Future communication – quarterly attendance at BAC meetings, monthly communication
- a. LT Dave Green (Special Operations Division) – traffic and parking enforcement as well as the photo red light
- b. Has a lot of interaction with the Arlington County staff and departments. He said that the interaction was informal as they deal with the Arlington County staff on a daily basis.
- c. The ACPD has an assortment of traffic control equipment to control traffic.
- d. Following the BAC meeting with ACPD, LT Green investigated the Fairfax and Wakefield NRT sign. They have assigned two officers to the location for 10 hours each during the next 30 days
- e. They work with the APS during back to school period to saturate high priority issues.
- f. If there is a problem, the ACPD will identify the problem to Arlington County DES.
- g. The ACPD has a spreadsheet where they log complaints from members of the public.
- h. Gillian asked if the ACPD gets involved during the design stage for critical areas. LT Green said that they didn't do that as a general rule.
- i. ACPD has a traffic accident reduction program (TARP) to do spot enforcement on high risk locations.
- j. JWB asked what kind of feedback LT Green needed from the BAC. He said that he needed a unified voice from the BAC to identify a list of topics we need the police to assess.
- k. LT Green said police officers in Arlington get both formal and on the job training prior to being placed into service. Police officers use the Virginia code books to enforce the laws. They rely on input from the Arlington County attorney for interpretation on specific laws. ACPD is required to meet the minimum Virginia training and often supports more training for the individual officers.
- l. LT Green indicated that he was willing to participate in relevant training with other Arlington County offices.
- m. Bicycles can be interpreted as both motor vehicles and pedestrians and the officers generally know the laws
- n. ACPD is the primary law enforcement office in the county. LT Green coordinates with VA State Police and USPP as necessary.

JWB provided an overview of the BAC
Dana to send a roster to LT Green

There was some discussion about the trail safety. LT Green suggested our trails were among the safest in the area.

LT Green said that there was not a particular problem with ped safety on the trail.

Steve Offutt asked how we could get more data on cycle safety, particularly on the trails.

If you call the non-emergency number of the ACPD, it will generate a report in the information management system

If an aggressive driver is reported, the ACPD will generally take down the information and send a form letter to the driver. If they have multiple complaints about a driver, they will follow up with the motorist.

JWB asked for the BAC followup. Suggested that the BAC

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DK suggested that the BAC may be in a position to push resolution of the interpretation of what constitutes legal behavior (such as taking the lane) by cyclists.

MJ suggested inviting the candidates for the Arlington County board to the next meeting – 10 minutes per person

Working Groups

Police (Gillian and Dana) – Jakob and Gillian met with ACPD last week to discuss bike issues. The ACPD (LT Green) agreed to attend the BAC meeting on a quarterly basis.

Family & Schools (Kyle Lukacs) –

County & County Board (Jakob and Mark) –

Butts on Bikes (Megan and Jakob) –

Federal (Dana) –