

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee**  
**4 May 2015 Meeting**  
**2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201**

Megan Jones, Cory Bilton, Dana Bres, Susan Fuchs, William Fuchs, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Allan Reiter, Tim Rosato, Chris Slatt, Randy Swart

Henry Dunbar, David Goodman, David Patton

**Guests**

Jason Mattis (Arlington County GIS), Angie de la Barrera (Arlington County GIS), John Lawler (Arlington County Transportation Engineering and Operations), Barbara Miller (PPTC), Collin Weber

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

**Approve minutes** April 2015 notes were approved

**County mapping and data analysis** – Angie de la Barrera (Arlington County GIS) – Jason provided an overview of the Arlington County GIS Maps (at <http://maps.arlingtonva.us>). The mapping pages provide users the ability to see multiple data elements on the maps. Steve Offutt asked about the decision process for selecting the data layers. Jason indicated that the data layers were selected as they felt appropriate but would consider developing other layers. They said that inclusion of NPS data would occur when Arlington County and the NPS were collaborating on a project.

**Budget Update – Dave Patton/Dave Goodman**

David Goodman reported that the County Manager's optional budget cuts (to the bike/ped programs) were not approved by the county board. He reported that the County Board received hundreds of messages opposing the cuts. The county board voted 5-0 not to cut the bike/ped programs. There may be an opportunity from the BAC to send a thank you letter to the Board. Megan suggested there may be an opportunity to engage the new manager to ensure understanding of the value and role of the bike/ped programs. Some discussion of an occasional short note to the CM highlighting cycling activities that were particularly notable (for traffic reduction, health, youth engagement, calories burned).

**Arlington County staff updates:**

**Projects - Dave Goodman/Dave Patton**

Sycamore St/East Falls Church Metro – This was a MWCOG supported project and is under design. The project may include a road diet on Sycamore along Sycamore and Lee Highway. The project will have some pedestrian nubs to decrease crossing distances. This will permit some adjustments in the timing of the intersection. There were questions about how to prioritize through cyclists where conflicts might occur with right turning cars.

Columbia Pike Bike Blvd – Not much new to report. HAWK at \_\_\_\_\_ will be installed in June

Walter Reed between 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Columbia Pike is under design. The plan currently includes a buffered bike lane. Design should be complete in Jan 2016.

Walter Reed between Glebe??????? and Pollard – Design currently has four travel lanes and parking. No HAWK signals anticipated because the ped numbers are so low. Chris Slatt suggested that there were no protected crosswalks between Glebe and Four Mile Run.

9<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Blvd – Construction expected to begin in the fall. Most of the project will include painting, striping, curb extensions and signs.

11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Blvd – Construction is underway along 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Edgewood and Walter Reed. There was discussion about the sensor for the bike lanes. Members of the BAC suggested Arlington County could install sensors to automatically recognize cyclists.

Walter Reed and 9<sup>th</sup> Street HAWK – Design is at 90%.

McKinley Road at North 9<sup>th</sup> will include curb extensions, refuge islands, bike lanes

Monroe St/Walter Reed

COG TLC project proposals – Arlington County is applying to the COG for planning to improve modeling of civic engagement.

Connection between W&OD and Carlin Springs – This is the existing desire line that connects the W&OD and

The bike/ped bridge across FMR at the foot of Eads is nearing the end of the design effort. There is no funding for the construction at this time. Construction is expected in 2021.

BFC status renewal – David Goodman indicated that they would be reapplying for recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community and there may be some

Mayors' Challenge (<http://www.dot.gov/mayors-challenge>) - This is an initiative of the Secretary of Transportation. 200 mayors (and Arlington County) have signed up for a number of initiatives that include things like complete streets. This is in the formative stages and should

be announced to the County Board on May 19. The first step will be to get the support of the Board and then the BAC would have a role in the scoping.

VDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy

(<[http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/bike\\_ped\\_policy.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/bike_ped_policy.pdf)>[http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/bike\\_ped\\_policy.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/bike_ped_policy.pdf))

Army/Navy drive

Signal at Irving/50 – This is a capital project. Funded with safety money several years ago. Mostly ped safety to clean up the intersection. It appears there will be some passive detection but it is unclear whether that will be for cars or bike/peds. David Patton indicated he would get more information and report back.

DP reported that they had funding to upgrade Bluemont Trail crossings at Kensington, Emerson and Buchanan. They are doing designs now.

DG reports he represents Arlington County on the VDOT bicycle committee. He said that the bike/ped policy at VDOT is being reviewed by VDOT to see if the policy is being implemented and if the policy is what it should be. **These are on the web VDOT Bike ped pollicy**

Other updates

Parks – Kevin Stalica

Kevin was not able to attend the meeting. He reported some ongoing discussion about the lighting on trails remained unclear on the maintenance responsibilities.

~~Sub surface deterioration on the Custis~~

Other updates

Arlington Police (June meeting Question/Topic brainstorm) – Cory Bilton

There was some discussion about enforcement along the Bluemont Trail

Education for bike and ped laws

Cory suggested that there was some concern that the ACPD is unclear on the Boulevard Rule (cars on smaller roads must yield to cars on larger roads)

Arlington Action Committee update – Chris Slatt

Chris indicated that the AAC was interested in developing a PBL along George Mason Drive  
There is a small page on the WABA website

Bike Arlington Updates – Henry Dunbar (submitted in advance)

### **Previous Events and Launches in April:**

#### [Arlington PAL Ambassador Program](#)

Whether walking, driving, or biking, we rely on our fellow road-users to be PALs - Predictable. Alert. Lawful. The PAL Ambassadors have been out spreading the word, making neighborhoods and streets safer and faces smile behind steering wheels, handlebars, or on the sidewalk! **PALs will also be out in force on Bike to Work Day. See their Facebook page for details. This is the perfect opportunity for BAC members who would like to get out on Arlington streets and trails and interact directly with other residents.** Get signed up and come hang out with us during free pizza parties!

#### [RackSpotter](#)

Work continues on this new crowdsourced tool for finding, identifying and sharing bike parking locations throughout the greater Washington DC region. Big thanks to Potomac Cyclist, Bobco85, and Chris Slatt for spotting nearly 300 racks around the county. We will soon add new features that will allow adding photos and edits after the original posts, and other backend administrative functions. We will also expand the geographic range soon. Please use it to locate racks and add any missing ones you know of!

[Zen and the City \(April 7\)](#) – This was our second women's-only evening of delicious food, relaxing yoga, and sharing of bike knowledge. Again held in Crystal City, it attracted about 60 riders.

#### **Bikeshare 2014 Member Survey Results Released**

[Details and highlights](#) were compiled by [Mobility Lab](#). While overall numbers are up, much of the coverage focused on the ridership generally being more male, more white, and more affluent.

#### **Arlington Bike Comfort Level Map**

We've done three rounds of edits with the cartographer. On track for a summer publication.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Arlington Rider Videos**

Bike Arlington will work with [Modacity](#) for 10 days in May to record six short videos (2-3 minutes) to show an array of Arlington residents who bike as their part of their everyday routine. These will have the look and feel of their "[Vancouver Cycle Chic](#)" series, though they will be called something else. The videos will be released over the summer, and there may be a viewing event in early fall. Be sure to wave if you see the crew on the streets and trails.

#### **Modacity Presentation: Building the Bike Culture You Want** – May 16, 3-4pm

Want biking in Arlington to be better? Stop by Arlington Central Library on May 16 and give a listen to Modacity's [Chris and Melissa Bruntlett](#) as they talk about the rise in women, children, seniors, businesses, pets, and cargo on the bikeways, many of whom wouldn't identify themselves as "cyclists", nor would they have considered getting on a bike just six years ago. They'll share this inspiring story via words, images and films, including what it means to be a

car-lite, multi-modal family such as their own. They will also offer ideas and lessons Arlingtonians can take home, and help build a bike culture worth bragging to the world about. [The event is free, but RSVPs are requested.](#)

[Bike to School Day – May 6th](#) – Like usual, we'll be working with Arlington Public Schools again this year to encourage students to bike and walk on May 6! All schools will have some participation. Check with the individual schools if you'd like to be involved.

**Tuesday Happy Hour at TechShop in Crystal City. May 12, 6-9pm.** Sponsored by CCBID and TechShop. In light of National Bike Month and Bike to Work Week, TechShop will take a look into all the areas pertaining bicycle maintenance, give away professional custom stickers, and raffle off free entry to a TechShop Bike Workshop. And of course there will be food and BEER. [Register here.](#)

[Bike to Work Day – May 15th](#) – There will be 6 stops in Arlington County this year: Rosslyn, Ballston, Columbia Pike, Crystal City, East Falls Church and a brand new one in Shirlington! Here's the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIPdkZLh68c> Get registered for your free t-shirt! Those interested in volunteering should contact Erin Potter, [erin.potter@bikearlington.com](mailto:erin.potter@bikearlington.com).

#### **Upcoming Class Schedule:**

##### May

Wednesday, May 13 : Community Ride - Ch-Ch-Changes Crystal City Ride

Wednesday, May 20 : Community Ride - Virginia Square Dance Ride

Sunday, May 31 : Learn to Ride

##### June

Saturday, June 13 : Learn to Ride

Sunday, June 14 : City Cycling

Wednesday, June 17 : Community Ride

More info on classes: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/bike-education/>

Adjournment