

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
11 July 2016 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Gillian Burgess, Dana Bres, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Steve Offutt, Tim Rosato, Chris Slatt

Henry Dunbar, David Goodman, David Patton, Kevin Stalica

Guests

Bob Trencheny (Alexandria BPAC), Henry Hassett (Westover), Dan Nabors (Arlington County)

Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes for March and April 2016

Arlington County Police: Update on Ped/Bike Campaign (Lt Dennis)

Lt Dennis was unable to attend the meeting so this item was deferred to a future meeting.

SafeTrack (David Goodman/Henry Dunbar)

There had been some discussion of spot improvements to facilitate cycling at some critical intersections. DES had been slammed with trying to keep up with the paving plan but they have not been able to get to that. Henry reported that Surge 5 had dramatically increased the number of cyclists on the trails. For Surge 1, 2, and portions of 3, the counter data shows a significant increase in riders. The BikeArlington temporary signs identifying trail links for new riders

Gillian Burgess suggested that there was some question about the bike right of way as bike lanes approach an intersection. The general consensus was to present the question to the Commonwealth Attorney at an upcoming meeting.

Chris Slatt suggested that Arlington County was developing its legislative agenda for the Virginia legislative session. A number of topics were addressed, including the rules for right of way for peds and cyclists in crosswalks. In addition, there was potential to address the legal status of bike lanes with respect to right of way (does an auto merging into a bike lane have to yield to a bike in the lane?). Other topics included Contributory negligence, Leading Pedestrian Intervals for walk signs and the use of speed cameras

The discussion included strategies to build ridership among the new cyclists. Henry reported that the bike trains run by Bike Arlington, WABA and Alexandria have been underused/unused. As a result, the bike trains are not going to be offered for future WMATA surges.

There was discussion of passing on the blind turn south of Gravelly Point. This has been the site of collisions as a result of bad passing. Dana Bres indicated he would send a note to the GWMP

asking for the shrubs to be trimmed back and to offer the suggestion that a solid centerline stripe. That was done and the vegetation was trimmed back on 27 July.

Update on Quincy Street Protected Bike Lane (David Goodman)

David Goodman reports that the design is ongoing and that they want to get a small group to identify ideas and develop specific design ideas. It seems everybody supports the PBL in concept but the issue is the specific design.

David Goodman said that it was likely that the paving project would be slipped due to upcoming renovations of Mosaic Park. He indicated that there would be more information during the August meeting.

Update on low-stress bike network mapping effort

David Goodman said that Arlington County is the subject for the low stress bike network mapping but they weren't the client. He indicated that there would be more information in the August meeting. He said that every road in Arlington County would be assessed. They would model certain links based on a number of criteria that would help Arlington County develop a planning strategy.

BikeArlington (submitted in advance by Henry Dunbar)

Active Streets Festival

As part of the Air Force Association Cycling Classic on June 11th, the Active Streets Festival showcased temporary bicycle infrastructure, including a pop-up bike lane. The event was very well received and photos are on Facebook

here: https://www.facebook.com/BikeArlington/photos/?tab=album&album_id=996770827058100

SafeTrack Update

Arlington's main commuter trails saw significant increases in bike traffic during SafeTrack's Surges 1, 2, and 3.

Surge 1 (OR/SV single track EFC to Ballston), Weekday averages compared to June 2015: Custis (Rosslyn-Scott St.) counter showed 75% increase; WOD (Bon Air West)- 53% increase; Mt Vernon (Airport South)- 35% increase.

Surge 2 (OR/SV shut across Anacostia/BL shut to ANC): Custis (Rosslyn-Scott St.) counter showed 30% increase; WOD (Bon Air West)- 14% increase; Mt Vernon (Airport South)- 16% increase.

Surge 3 (BL/YL shut Brad Rd to Airport): Custis (Rosslyn-Scott St.) counter showed 22% increase over July 2015 weekday average; WOD (Bon Air West)- 5% increase; Mt Vernon (Airport South)- 26% increase.

BikeArlington also installed temporary wayfinding signs along Metro routes, added temporary bike racks around Ballston station, and ran Bike Trains during Week 1 of the Surge 1. Bike Trains were discontinued due to nonparticipation.

Bike Maps

The (regular) Arlington County Bike Map has been updated and is now going out across the County. <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/maps-rides/> Thanks to everyone who got their changes into us for the Comfort Map, which is in the process of being updated and will be available later this summer.

Capital Bikeshare Free Weekend

As part of their Flagship store launch in DC, REI is sponsoring free daily memberships for the weekend of July 16/17. If you have a friend on the fence about riding, this is the perfect opportunity to get them out to try it. Details here: <http://try.capitalbikeshare.com/unitedoutside/>

County Fair

We will be at the Arlington County Fair on August 19th, 20th and 21st and are looking for volunteers to come help run our booth and hand out swag. If you can volunteer for a couple hours during that time, please email Erin Potter (erin.potter@bikearlington.com)

Parks (Kevin Stalica)

Arlington County is having some difficulty getting a contractor to perform the work on FMR at Bluemont Park and Madison Manor. He anticipated more information in the August meeting.

VDOT is working with DES on the I66 project that will change the alignment of the Custis at Patrick Henry (just south of the point where the Custis goes under I66). The turn will help to define the intersection of the Custis and the portion of the trail that continues eastward along I66. Gillian Burgess suggested that reducing the double curve would be a good idea. There was some discussion about preventing a desire line on the curve but Kevin suggested that the landscaping or other treatments could preclude that.

David Goodman reported that VDOT had suggested that there could be a grade separated crossing for the Custis at Lee Highway. He said that there was some question about whether there was funding for the bridge.

Projects (David Goodman/David Patton)

David Goodman indicated that the FMR renovation project between US Route 1 and Glebe would be starting in the Fall.

David Goodman said that the MTP update would be largely led by the Arlington County staff. He said it wasn't clear how much civic engagement would be conducted. He said that the plan at this time was to work with the advisory groups to get the community engagement. Chris Slatt indicated the Arlington County Board had asked for a work plan for this effort beginning in early 2017. David Goodman said that the DES leadership said they would do the work in-house (and that they had the bandwidth to do so). Gillian indicated she would communicate informally with staff.

New Business Gillian

Gillian Burgess reported that the fiscal affairs committee is concerned that I66 Multi-modal funding may not be dedicated to emphasize alternatives to single occupant vehicles.

David Goodman said that the County Manager has asked for the membership of the BAC to be refreshed. He said that he would send a note to the listserv to engage potential members.

Adjournment Gillian