

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee**  
**1 August 2016 Meeting**  
**2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201**  
**Approved by the BAC – 5 December 2016**

*Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Dana Bres, Eric Goodman, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Randy Swart*

*Ken Dennis (ACPD), Henry Dunbar, David Goodman, David Patton, Kevin Stalica*

*Guests: Lindsay Brooker (Arlington Commonwealth Attorney' Office), Dan Nabors (DES)*

*Note: Sign in roster was misplaced and was reconstructed (some omissions may be present)*

*Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes for July 2016*

**Commonwealth's Attorney (Lindsay Brooks)**

*The Commonwealth's Attorney (CA) reviewed the Arlington County and the Virginia Code to determine the use of autos in bike lanes. Cars may cross through bike lanes for the purpose of executing a right turn. There are specific limits on the distance a car can travel in the bike lanes.*

*There doesn't seem to be anything in the Arlington Code that specifically grants right of way to bicyclists in a bike lane.*

*There was some discussion about the potential need for some clarifying language in the Arlington County Code with respect to defining the rights of way for cyclists in bike lanes. Lindsay Brooks suggested that some analysis should go into determining what we really want before we propose changes. She said that the CA would be willing to work with the Arlington County Attorney in crafting the language to ensure it was most effective. Gillian Burgess suggested that she felt that motorists needed to move towards the curb prior to making a turn.*

*There were a number of hypotheticals presented with respect to the interaction between cars and bicyclists. LT Dennis suggested that the officer investigating a collision would have to factor the totality of the circumstances.*

*Gillian Burgess asked for clarification about the continuity of bike lanes through intersections. Lindsay and LT Dennis both agreed that although the bike lanes were not marked, they were considered continuous through the intersection.*

*Gillian Burgess asked about enforcement at Lynn and Lee and was told that recent budget cuts forced the reduction of enforcement activities at that location. The plan for the BAC is to write a letter to the Arlington County Manager asking about that decision.*

*LT Dennis indicated that many motorists were unclear about what their responsibilities were with respect to bike lanes.*

*Gillian Burgess expressed some concern that the CA would take the position that cars did not have to move to the right (close to the curb) as described in the Virginia Code. The VA Code suggests that cars should turn from as far right in the roadway as possible.*

*Gillian Burgess asked the BAC how to best change motorist behavior. Steve Offutt suggested that education of motorists would be quite difficult. There was discussion about developing a video for the Arlington TV channel to help motorists understand their responsibilities.*

### **Quincy Street PBL (Goodman/Dan Nabors)**

*The design for Quincy is complex and Arlington County staff wants to ensure a firm understanding of the issues before paving season is over. The paving is being pushed out to the spring yet the design and coordination will occur in the interim. The concern is that the PBL will impact parking and DES wants to coordinate the design with the upcoming revision of Mosaic Park. Incorporating a PBL around Mosaic Park will take some additional planning. The BAC asked to see the plans in their current state to ensure the greatest opportunity for input.*

### **Low Stress Bike Network (David Goodman)**

*David Goodman received a copy of the report for the Low Stress Bike Network late last week. He hasn't had the chance to review the document between receipt and the BAC meeting. He indicates that the report identifies some specific locations and actions that will result in lower stress cycling. The report also identifies some "weak links" that may be targeted by the Arlington County staff.*

*David Goodman said that he hopes to be able to share the document with the BAC at the next meeting.*

*Cynthia Palmer asked about implementation of the plan, in light of the apparent difficulty in effecting agreed-upon changes in cycling infrastructure in Arlington County.*

### **Updating the Bike Plan**

*David Goodman provided a brief update for the Bike Plan. He reported only modest progress to date. The BAC suggested that they wanted to be heavily engaged in the*

process. David Goodman said that the work plan was due to the County Board in the fall.

### **Bike Arlington (Tim Kelley)**

*BikeArlington took a bunch of designers, planners and engineers from Arlington County into Crystal City (on BikeShare bikes) to help them understand how the things they were working on.*

### **Parks (Kevin Stalica)**

*Kevin indicated that they had a consultant on board to look at the sinkage along the Custis (near the retaining wall). He indicated that he wasn't aware if the consultant had received notice to proceed in the investigation from Arlington County.*

*Kevin reported that the portions of the trail that had been planned for repaving have been delayed because they are having trouble getting contractors interested in doing relatively small projects. Kevin said that they were continuing to work on getting contractors on board.*

*Steve Offutt asked about getting some bumps on the trail ground down. Kevin indicated that they would hire a contractor to do the grinding*

*Parks is planning to get the Custis Trail striped, from Rosslyn to Bon Aire Park. They plan on using both dashed and solid lines, as appropriate. Kevin indicated that he would get DES assistance in identifying the locations where solid lines would be appropriate.*

### **Paving projects (Goodman)**

*David Goodman provided a discussion of the road striping, where they would mark bike lanes and buffered bike lanes.*

Street	Year	Location	Scope	Length (Feet)	Notes
Wilson Blvd	2016	N. Nash – N. Rhodes St	Protected Bike lanes	1800	Later this paving season
Williamsburg Blvd	2016	Little Falls Rd to John Marshall Dr.	Buffers	2100	
Williamsburg Blvd	2016	Kensington to Harrison	Buffers	1300	
Williamsburg Blvd	2016	Edison to Old Dominion Dr	Buffers/bike lanes	1200	
Yorktown Blvd	2016	George Mason Dr. to 26 <sup>th</sup> St	Buffers	3000	
S. Eads St	2016	12 <sup>th</sup> St to 15 <sup>th</sup> St	Protected Bike lanes	1250	Pending removal of utility poles
15 <sup>th</sup> St S.	2016	Bell St to Eads St	New Bike lanes	800	

Military Road	2016	37 <sup>th</sup> to Old Glebe Road	Buffers	2,000	
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These have been deferred for various reasons

N. Quincy St	2017	Glebe Rd – Fairfax Dr	Protected Bike lanes	2400	Needs additional internal and external coordination
N. Woodstock St/ Woodrow St	2017?	Glebe Rd – Lee Hwy	New Bike Lanes	2050	Needs additional neighborhood consultation
N. Veitch Street	2017	Wilson Blvd to Key Blvd	Protected Bike Lanes	1,000	

*September meeting will be a site visit at Quincy. The meeting would be late afternoon*

*Adjournment Gillian*