

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee  
2 February 2015 Meeting  
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201**

*Gillian Burgess, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, William Fuchs, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Jim Presswood, Allan Reiter, Tim Rosato, Chris Slatt, Randy Swart*

*Henry Dunbar, David Goodman, David Patton, Kevin Stalica*

**Guests**

*Paul Demaio, Sergio Viricochea (DES), Tom Norton (APS), Dan Foster*

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

*Minutes for January meeting were distributed late and would be proposed for adoption in the March 2015 meeting.*

**Capital Bikeshare: pricing changes** *(Paul Demaio) – After four years of the program, CaBi is proposing to raise the “membership” rates for the various classes of*

<i>One day</i>	<i>from \$7 to \$8</i>
<i>Three days</i>	<i>from \$15 to \$17</i>
<i>Daily key</i>	<i>stays at \$7 per day</i>
<i>30 day</i>	<i>from \$25 to \$28</i>
<i>Annual</i>	<i>from \$75 to \$85</i>
<i>Monthly pay</i>	<i>from \$84 to \$96</i>

*The corporate rates would not change and would remain \$50 per year. Paul said that they wanted to continue to encourage corporate memberships.*

*A suggestion was offered to have a discounted multi-year membership. Paul indicated that could be considered.*

*In Arlington County, CaBi had a total cost recovery of 72% of their costs. Compared to other modes of transit, Metro Rail captures about 80% of the costs and Metro Bus gets about 20% of the costs.*

*Under the Federal Lands Access Program, CaBi got funding for 8 new stations on federal land. Paul is working with NPS and other federal land owners.*

*The District has about 68% of the total CaBi stations and Arlington County has about 18% of the stations.*

*Comment period is open until 15 Feb.*

**APS: Safe Routes to Schools (Tom Norton)**

*Arlington County Public Schools is in the second year of the Safe Routes to Schools. Tom Norton is the SRTS Coordinator for APS. The School District is using health and PE teachers to lead the effort and incorporates other faculty in training and advocacy for cycling to school. The SRTS program is located in the Health/PE departments in Arlington County and may be at other locations in other districts.*

*They are trying to get information in all schools to help inform faculty and parents about the program.*

*For the National Bike to School Day, they will look at targeting a smaller group of schools but are working on the concept. Gillian Burgess indicated that the BAC would be willing to help with some of the support (such as leading bike trains, etc).*

*Tom Norton indicated that there should be no schools in the district telling parents not to allow children to ride bikes to school. He said that they are working with school leadership and “keeping tabs on the messaging” by school leadership. The APS school board policies are supporting of walking and biking.*

*David Goodman asked about how bike parking was supported (if a school wanted to increase their bike parking). David Goodman indicated he thought added bike parking was funded from the school maintenance funds so there was some disincentive for the school leadership.*

*Arlington Hospital Center*

*Dan Foster spoke for a few minutes on some upcoming efforts to improve cycling to and from the hospital. He serves on the hospital Wellness Committee and suggested that the committee could serve as an opportunity to address cycling improvements with the hospital administration. The BAC generally though that was a fine idea and a number of suggestions were offered.*

*Henry Dunbar suggested that Arlington Transportation Partners could be an asset to the hospital.*

*There was some discussion about how to better integrate CaBi into the hospital operations as it would be a short ride from the Ballston metro.*

**Arlington County vehicles: training and equipment (Justin Corwin)**

*Arlington County staff updates*

*Arlington County app (David Patton) – David Patton looked at the app to see where the issues identified by citizens “went” with respect to routing in the Arlington County administrative processes. Three of the five top issues reported are about trash. He reported that the pick list on the app could be modified by the county. This is operated by the County Manager’s office. It wasn’t clear how the routing worked and what criteria were used for recording the status of the work. Gillian Burgess asked for members of the BAC to review the site and offer comments and suggestions on improvement.*

*BikeArlington (submitted in advance by Henry Dunbar)*

**Capital Bikeshare Cash Payment Option**—*Launched on January 5. Arlington Residents may set up accounts by paying cash at Commuter Store locations. For Annual memberships only. Must present ID and proof of residency. More details during Paul Demaio presentation. <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/news-events/blog/arlington-residents-can-pay-with-cash-for-capital-bikeshare-membership-and-usage/>*

**Capital Bikeshare Price Changes**—*Annual Memberships proposed to increase to \$85 later this spring. Plan was presented at Jan. 28 Open House. [Details here](#). Comments accepted until Feb. 15.*

**Arlington Bike Video Series Casting**—*Have been working with Modacity film crew to create a series of promo videos. Received 102 applications. Have narrowed list to under 10, but still selecting final six. Filmmakers Chris and Melissa Bruntlett will also likely give a lecture while here filming in May. Details TBD. Videos to be released in late summer/early fall. <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/news-events/blog/looking-for-neat-folks-who-ride-bikes/>*

**Rosslyn Bikeometer Contest Winners:** *The Bikeometer counted 319,575 bike riders in Arlington since its installation in April. The winners of the contest, Eric and Kristin, took home swell commuter bags. <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/news-events/blog/happy-new-year-and-happy-riding/>*

**Bike Classes TBA**—*We’ve secured dates for April-June. Learn to Ride (3), City Cycling (2), and Educational Rides (3). Times and locations coming soon. Watch BA calendar for details.*

**PAL Ambassadors Launching**—*Our joint project with WABA, the PAL Ambassadors to promote PAL messaging, will start being seen on the streets in Arlington in the coming days. This project follows a successful model developed by WABA in DC to use cycling volunteers to deliver playful and whimsical messaging to all road users. PAL partners to come up with an awesome and exciting safety and outreach campaign to help people remember to Be A PAL---Predictable, Alert and Lawful. . This’ll be fun. <http://www.waba.org/blog/2015/02/announcing-the-arlington-pal-ambassador-program/>*

## On Deck

### **Events, Events, & More Events (All are on the BA Calendar)**

#### **February**

*Feb 7: MORE Balaclavas & Baklava: A Winter Bike Accessory Workshop (Central Lib; "Sold out" in minutes)*

*Feb 8: Storytelling with BikeArlington & WABA's Women & Bicycles (Central Lib)*

*Feb 17: Clarendon Mardis Gras Parade*

#### **In the works**

**New Pit stop for BTWD** – *We are adding a Shirlington AM pit stop to the May 15 BTWD. Working with Hilton Garden Inn and Phoenix Bikes to host, likely at the fountain plaza in front of the Library.*

*Arlington's repeat 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*

*-Columbia Pike (Penrose Square, 2503 Columbia Pike), 6:30AM – 9AM*

*-East Falls Church Metro (WMATA to host), 7AM-9AM*

*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](http://www.BikeToWorkMetroDC.org)*

*Trail lighting and maintenance (Kevin Stalica) – Gillian Burgess intro'd the discussion by highlighting the issue with lighting. Kevin said that every month a crew from Arlington County parks goes out at night to inspect lights. They have a master list and then notify Dominion or DES depending on who owns the lights. There was some confusion about the "ownership" of the lights on overpasses in the past. Recently, leadership concluded that the responsibility for repairing lights in overpasses was the responsibility of DES.*

*There was a general position by members of the BAC that Parks had done a superb job clearing the trails. Kevin indicated that when Parks got the mission to clear the trails, they prioritized the locations so some had not been cleared.*

*There was some discussion of the trail clearing on the WO&D and whether the snow blowers that the NVRPA was using were effective.*

*Parks is expecting to receive funding for trail improvements that will be available for construction this summer.*

*There was some discussion about the guidance that VDOT has provided to Arlington County with respect to repairs in the VDOT ROW.*

#### *Other Topics*

*VDOT I-66 Briefing at Arlington Transportation Commission (Chris Slatt) – There are two efforts along I-66. WABA and FABB are pushing to have the Custis extended out*

*along I-66. Inside the beltway, VDOT is looking at converting the lanes along the road to toll during the peak hours. VDOT has been a little vague about doing work to enhance bike/ped transportation. One of the concepts includes widening the Custis to 12 feet and improving access. VDOT will be presenting to the Transportation Commission on 5 Feb.*

*Lee & Lynn Signal Changes – Gillian Burgess discussed the No Right on Red sign at Lynn and Lee. Gillian Burgess suggested that the new sign wasn't particularly visible and motorists were not likely to see it.*