

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
31 August 2015 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Gillian Burgess, Dana Bres, Eric Goodman, Dwight Hlustick, Randy Swart

David Goodman, David Patton, Tim Kelley

Mercedes Fitchett (Rosslyn), Bob Trencheny (Alexandria BPAC), Prasad Pulaguntla (Arlington County DES), Jim Hurysz (Fairlington)

Call to Order

Introductions

Approve minutes July 2015 notes were approved

Performance Measures - DES developed a Transportation Performance Measures Report for FY14. Arlington County developed a Master Transportation Plan beginning in 2007. The MTP had more than 100 performance measures and the performance measures report focusses on 50 that were seen as most important. Report is available at transportation.arlingtonva.us and https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2015/04/DES-FY14_Transportation_Performance_Measures_Summary.pdf

The collision data that was presented (which showed a general downward trend of the collisions) received a lot of discussion. There was some concern about whether the collision data reflected the input of the USPP or other police agencies in the county.

The data suggested that Arlington County residential households make about three times more bike/ped trips than the overall region and that Arlington County has more zero and one-car households than the region.

There was an active discussion about whether the DES could integrate the trail condition into the analysis and metrics.

A suggestion was made to look at the bicycle plan. The idea was that the section would get posted to the forum for comments and the BAC would curate those comments.

Arlington County staff updates:

Projects - Dave Goodman/Dave Patton: Arlington County Bike Counting – David Patton discussed the upcoming bike count on Saturday 12 Sep and Tuesday 15 Sep. Volunteers will be positioned at the various trail counters to validate the results of the trail counters. Volunteers can contact David at bikepedcount@arlingtonva.us

BikeArlington: Comfort Map! Tim Kelley discussed the new Bicycle Comfort Level map. It has been delivered to every home in Arlington. This is the third (Arlington, Austin and Boston) of its kind. They have distributed about 125,000 maps to date. The BAC very much appreciates BikeArlington's efforts to develop a great map, and hopes to help improve the map before the next version.

David Goodman said that the COG had provided funding to develop a "stress map" using GIS tools.

Parks: Custis maintenance; lights. No representative of Parks was present to discuss these topics

Other updates

Trails orientation – Dana Bres discussed a concept for a trail asset discussion for the trails. This discussion would identify trail infrastructure/attributes/issues for the Arlington County owned trails. This would not be a trail guide but would highlight trail assets and could quickly communicate major trail issues to County leaders. The prototype would need to be modified to move the trail assets and issues forward to speed discussion of trail needs. Dana presented a prototype for the Four Mile Run trail and will revise it based on the input received.

Visioning the bike network – Gillian discussed the need to consider the bike network in Arlington County as it could and should be. She suggested we shouldn't be locked in by the existing bicycle network. There was some discussion about the use of Strava heat maps to help with this process. Strava heat maps are likely to represent routes taken by cyclists that are more confident. This visioning exercise would focus on the long term to help ensure the inclusion of cycling infrastructure earlier in the planning process to help insure it is better integrated into the larger plans. This exercise would also help show the larger network that each individual project is part of.

Mr Hurysz engaged the BAC in a discussion about trail etiquette and the need for cyclist education and enforcement to avoid cyclist-pedestrian accidents. The conversation generally ended with members of the BAC (speaking individually) agreeing that cyclists who are PALs (Predictable, Alert and Lawful) was a good thing and that cyclists, peds and motorists could all do a better job when operating in shared space. The BAC members were not in a position to speak for (or control the actions of) all cyclists using the trails in Arlington.

Bike Arlington Updates – Henry Dunbar (submitted in advance)

Here are a couple things that have happened and that BikeArlington has coming up:

Arlington County Fair

The Fair went very well—thanks to Randy, Cynthia, Dana, Mark W, Ed, and William F for answering our call for volunteers. Everyone else missed out on a fun time—and the opportunity to snag an awesome [cycling cap](#)! We interacted with a couple thousand members of the public and the [bike valet was another big success!](#)

Arlington PAL Ambassador Program

Those of you know Pete Beers may have heard that he has moved on from being our PAL Ambassador Coordinator. He was [replaced with Annmarie Hansen](#) who grew up in Arlington and brings a lively enthusiasm to the program. You can expect to see her around town at PAL events and pulling the trailer. And if you haven't already, please join the PAL Ambassadors group: <http://www.arlingtonpals.org>

“Arlington Passages” Film Premiere

Please join us and be the first to see the new film series presented by [BikeArlington](#) and [Mobility Lab](#). After the feature presentation, we'll hear from cast and crew in a special Q & A session. Raffles, door prizes and more await.

All ticket sales will benefit Phoenix Bikes. The screening will be Thursday, September 10, 7pm – 9pm, at the Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse, we will be showing six short films that tell the inspiring stories of local Arlington residents. [Get your tickets!](#)

ArlNow Coverage: <https://www.arlnow.com/2015/08/25/arlington-bike-film-to-premiere-in-two-weeks/>

The Bicycle Comfort Level Map mentioned in a previous email continues to get press:

ArlNow Coverage: <https://www.arlnow.com/2015/08/25/new-map-aims-to-simplify-cyclists-routes/>

WTOP Coverage: <http://wtop.com/arlington/2015/08/comfort-map-ease-bikers-concerns/>

GGW Coverage: <http://greatergreaterwashington.org/post/27889/want-a-stress-free-bike-ride-in-arlington-theres-a-map-for-that/>

Map link: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/maps-rides/>

Please take a look and send feedback/comments/suggestions to: info@Bikearlington.com

Upcoming Bike Classes:

-Confident City Cycling: For those of you who are already biking, but maybe stick mostly to trails because you don't feel comfortable on city streets, we're offering a Confident City Cycling class. Join us for a class on September 20 or November 1.

-Learn to Ride: If you have always wanted to learn to ride a bike (or tried to learn but not been successful), then this is the perfect class. Or if you're a seasoned cyclist, please share this with a friend! Join us for a class on August 29, September 19 or October 31.

-Community Rides: Fun, short and social: join us for a community ride as we explore a neighborhood as a group. It's a great way to practice your everyday riding skills in a supportive and fun environment, with instructors who teach this stuff every day. Join us for rides on September 2, October 14 or October 28

-Information on classes can be found [here](#).

Capital Bikeshare Turns 5!

This September Capital Bikeshare is celebrating its birthday. We're planning on birthday breakfast party at the very first CB station that was installed in Arlington in Crystal City on September 14th. That will be followed up with a week-long scavenger hunt and the week will be capped off with a Bike to Movies screening event in DC. More details to follow!

-Also of note, additional Bikeshare station equipment has been ordered and will be arriving and installed later this Fall.

Rackspotter

Our bike parking tool continues to get good use, with more than 2000 racks added already! Groups in Fairfax County, Howard County and DC have reached out to us wanting to use the map. We are currently working on a user friendly backend and map updates to make exporting the rack results easier and more useful. www.RackSpotter.com

BFC Application Submitted

A crack team of [top men](#) and women submitted an application for Bicycle Friendly Community status for Arlington County. We hope to be award Gold status this time around. If you would like to become a local reviewer to provide input to the League of American Bicyclists, you may sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1beudJkYra0Gs7K4rGDOcz06el_Mwr8a5Cm15wb0Kll0/viewform

Upcoming Events:

Fun Ride – BikeArlington will be hosting a pit stop in Rosslyn on the Arlington Fun Ride on October 3rd. <http://www.arlingtonfunride.org/>

Schools – Walk and Bike to School Day is October 7th and BikeArlington will again participate in the festivities. The focus school this year is Tuckahoe. <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

Adjournment