

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

Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Dana Bres, William Fuchs, Eric Goodman, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Allan Reiter, Tim Rosato, Randy Swart

David Goodman, Tim Kelley, David Patton

Guests: Dan Richard (Trails), Bridget Obikoya (DES TE&O), Claudia Russell, Valerie Mosley (DES), Claudia O'Connor

Call to Order

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves.

Approve minutes Minutes for the August 2015 meeting were approved.

Walter Reed and Arlington Mill Drive (Valerie Mosley)

There was a site visit that included a number of cyclists and Arlington County staff at the project location on the morning of 29 October.

The intersection of Walter Reed and Arlington Mill Drive was proposed for reconstruction. Along Walter Reed Drive, there will be a 10 foot MUT (on both sides of Walter Reed) with a buffer strip. Arlington Mill Drive will be reduced to a single left turn (south onto Walter Reed). This will result in the ability to place a larger island separating Arlington Mill Drive and the slip lane.



While Arlington County generally tries to eliminate slip lanes, the heavy traffic along AMD makes the slip lanes necessary.

There was some concern about the size of the “pork shop” island with respect to the island’s ability to accommodate the number of cyclists and peds on the island. Gillian asked if the island would be able to accommodate bikes that are longer and wider than the norm. Valerie Mosley indicated that the island could be adjusted to meet the need.

There was discussion about how a cyclist riding northbound on Walter Reed (approaching from south of Arlington Mill) would be able to navigate around the island to get on the MUT or shift to a sharrow lane.

The DES indicated that the current slip lane was not controlled by a signal but it did have a yield sign. The DES options for the proposed slip lane included a number of sign options that ranged from comparatively simple to complex. The more simple signs would be installed and maintained by county staff and the more complex. There was a suggestion to install the conduit necessary for the more advanced signs during the construction to save money if more complex signs are ultimately installed.

Project page is at <http://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/south-walter-reed-drive-improvements-arlington-mill-drive-four-mile-run-drive/>

Report A Problem (Claudia O’Conner)

Claudia O’Conner discussed the Arlington County app that allows members of the public to report problems with the County infrastructure. She indicated that it was a work in progress and served as a reporting system for the work order process. Discussion included problem reports that were languishing and the need to ensure the language used to describe routing and other actions was clear and understandable by the public.

Clarendon Circle

David Goodman reported that there was discussion about the site that will lead to a revised strategy for bikes.

Count Data (David Patton)

David Patton reported that the count data would be available at the December meeting.

He also reported that the Washington COG has provided a grant to Arlington County to map the streets for low stress bicycle connectivity.

Irving and Arlington Blvd

The state is working on the intersection and Arlington County staff wanted to get input on the curb returns and ramps for the trails on both sides of Arlington Blvd.

Steve Offutt asked if there would be any modifications to the signal that could permit the signals to be seen when the sun is directly behind the signal. This was seen as a problem at the location that makes the crosswalks across Route 50 quite hazardous.

Arlington County stated that they will build a bike path on the south side of Arlington Blvd on the block to the east of Irving.

David Patton said that while Route 50 would benefit from a comprehensive corridor plan the local neighborhoods had not been able to reach consensus so the County was doing spot improvements.



Trails (Dan Richard)

Dan Richard said they maintain a list of the lights that are inoperative on the trails. Kevin provided an update after the meeting that said “Trail lights are inspected monthly. Outages are reported to the responsible party for maintenance. Dominion has been responsive in making repairs to lights they own. As previously reported, DES indicates it no longer has funding to repair lights at underpasses along the trails. The issue was forwarded to Arlington County Leadership and has not been resolved. They are copied on this transmission in the event they have additional information about further developments.”

Attendees asked about settlement on the Custis Trail by the retaining wall (near the bridge to nowhere).

Bike Arlington (submitted in advance by Tim Kelley)

Classes – A sold out Learn to Ride class is scheduled for 10/31 and a City Cycling class is slated for 11/1. Three “Secrets of Arlington” Community Rides have been held in Crystal City, Shirlington and Ballston. These rides are less than 5 miles, and showcase new routes, or fun

out of the way trivia/points of interest that keep even seasoned Arlingtonians on their toes. A longer "Notorious ARL" ride schedule for Nov. 21 (17-miles with 8 stops at scenes of crime, espionage, and political intrigue).

Arlington Bike Map Update – We are in the process of updating the Arlington County (standard) Bike Map. If you have any comments or suggestions, please get them in ASAP. Email them to info@bikearlington.com

Marathon – BikeArlington attended the Marine Corps Marathon in Crystal City and passed out horns and cow bells. Next time you can't sleep because your neighbor kid is making a racket with a vuvuzella, you can thank us. Capital Bikeshare also had a temporary corral in Rosslyn near the finish line festival that seemed to work out very well.

Lighten Up Arlington – We're doing our annual Lights for Bikes event next week and have a pretty good set of volunteers. If you'd like to help out find the details here: <http://bikearlingtonforum.com/showthread.php?9461-Time-to-Lighten-Up-Arlington!-Volunteers-wanted-for-Lights-for-Bikes-Giveaway-2015!>

Schools – We have started the conversation about engaging APS to host DC Public School style bike education. Nothing of note to report other than we expect it to be a slow process.

Capital Bikeshare - If you live in or near the Claremont neighborhood, we want your opinion on two proposed station locations. Details here:

<http://bikearlingtonforum.com/showthread.php?9504-Proposed-stations-in-Claremont>
Delivery of 8 new stations scheduled for mid-November. Exact installation dates pending due to other jurisdictions' needs and CaBi warehouse move. Pending new station sites include:

- Carlin Springs & Thomas
- Lynn & Fairfax
- Lacey Wood Park in Bluemont
- Wilson & Illinois in Bluemont
- Barcroft Park
- Virginia Hospital Center (George Mason & 16th)
- Wash Blvd & Patrick Henry
- Woodstock & Lee Hwy

Winter Event Planning - For the colder months we are already planning winter meetups, a winter clothing swap and donation event, more Balaclavas and Baklava workshop events, a Holiday Lights Social Ride, and movie nights. Details to come!

Adjournment