

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
4 April 2016 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201
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Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Dana Bres, William Fuchs, Eric Goodman, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Tim Rosato, Chris Slatt, Randy Swart

David Goodman, David Patton, Larry Filler, Erin Potter

Guests Bob Trencheny (Alexandria BPAC), John Cheng, Kevin Sweeney (Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission)

Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes Gillian – March 2016 minutes were not complete.

Neighborhood complete streets - Kevin Sweeney (Chair, Neighborhood Complete Streets Program)

They are asking Arlington County to provide some staff funding for the Complete Streets Program. The funding in 2014 was \$250K and that grew to \$900 in 2016. The Commission felt that the program wouldn't be particularly effective without staff support. Kevin asked the BAC to consider supporting their request. There was some discussion about a rumor that the professional support for this effort would be provided by consultants (paid from the capital budget). The BAC agreed to send a letter of support to the County.

Paving program: opportunities for PBLs Daves

Gillian intro'd the topic by saying that some of paving projects that are in the plan should be considered for PBL. Gillian provided her ideas to David Goodman and they discussed the list. David added a couple of items

Cynthia Palmer asked about the cost of PBL. David Goodman said that the costs were largely neutral.

Gillian asked how the designation of bike boulevards would be accomplished.

Update on budget: updating bike element of MTP Gillian

WABA has been supporting this effort with an action alert. The County Board has received over 300 emails. GB reports that the County Manager has "reserved" about \$900K that could be used to pay for the MTP.

The next review in the budget process will be the Cap Improvement Plan. The County Manager is beginning the planning process for the CIP (which occurs every two years). GB asked to discuss the BAC priorities for the CIP. She suggested a dedicated budget for the cap maintenance requirements (she said that the County budgets for replacement of roads every 10 years but didn't know what it should be for trails) and funding for new trails. She suggested that the Hoffman-Ballston connector should be moved up in priority due to the problem with Fort Myer.

Randy Swart indicated he would take a look at the current MTP Bicycle Element to see if there was anything particularly notable.

Bike month/bike to work day planning (BikeArlington)

Registration open for BTWD. Rosslyn BID is more involved this year. Afternoon pitstop will be in Shirlington at the brewery. There is some discussion of an unofficial afternoon stop at the Heavy Seas Ale House.

Saturday will be Tour de Fat and Sunday will be the DC Bike Ride.

Arlington County Staff Updates

Projects (David Goodman)

Washington Blvd from Westover to Sycamore – It is possible to get some westbound bike lanes but it will require removing on street parking from three blocks (17 homes). County staff is working on a briefing memo for the County Manager and the board to build support for this initiative. To date, VDOT has been supportive of the striping plan, which has included narrowing lanes.

In April, the City of Falls Church adopted a plan for their portion of the W&OD trail, including creating separate, parallel bike and pedestrian paths, modifying the street crossings to favor trail traffic and realigning the trail to cross Route 29 at Gresham Place, either with a new traffic signal or a grade separated overpass. The realigned trail and Route 29 crossing options did not have consensus support, however, and were instead included in an appendix for future consideration.

Link to the full report: <http://www.fallschurchva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4718>

David Patton is working on some street intersections on the Bluemont trail to improve their utility to trail users. There may be some options as some of the intersections see trail traffic that is greater than the roadway trail (Buchanan, Emerson and Kensington)

Chris Slatt asked David Goodman for an update on the project on Walter Reed north of Columbia Pike. Chris suggested that stretch of the road would benefit from PBLs.

BikeArlington Erin (submitted in advance)

BikeArlington is looking at doing something with Wilson from Washington and 10th during the AF Cycling Classic

April BikeArlington BAC Update

Upcoming Events

-April 21: [PAL Pizza Party](#)

-April 24: [PAL Block Party](#)

Spring Class Schedule

-Is now live with adult learn to rides as well as classes designed to boost confidence in every day riding: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/bike-education/>

Bike to Work Day is May 20th!

-Our six usual pit stops, plus a new *afternoon* pit stop for Bike to Work Day, at New District Brewing in partnership with MORE (Mid Atlantic Off-Roads Enthusiasts). [Registration now open!](#) **Sign up! Make sure your friends sign up!** Photobooths, pastries, the promise of free t-shirts and early morning euphoria beckon!

Arlington Active Streets Festival is June 11th!

- Taking advantage of road closures occurring for the Air Force Association Cycling Classic, we're having an open streets-style event in the Clarendon Circle Intersection and along Wilson to 10th.

-A call for Programming Partners is out now! Please share with anyone who might be interested.

In the Works (more details to come!)

April

-A new program for low-cost Capital Bikeshare memberships, coordinated with local nonprofits

-Details and dates for Spring Community Ride Series

-Details and dates for Ride Series with local bike shops

May

-Bike to RFK: A ride to a special bike night at RFK to see a DC United game

Just for fun:

As part of the National Bike Summit put on by the League of American Bicyclists, BikeArlington hosted 75 riders from across the United States, including folks from Alaska and Hawaii, to explore our silver level Bicycle Friendly Community. Huge thanks to David and David for being part of the tours.

Parks – Kevin was not able to participate due to illness.

New Business Gillian

Chris Slatt highlighted the need to point out where the “sweet spot” would be on the signalized intersections. He sent a map out to the listserv that showed the paving list.

Adjournment Gillian