

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee**  
**9 January 2017 Meeting**  
**2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201**  
**Notes**

BAC attendees: Gillian Burgess, Mike Hanna, Michael Raizen, Eric Goodman, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Randy Swart. Guests: Erin Donohue. Staff: Tim Kelley, David Goodman, David Patton

**Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes Gillian**

Minutes for December were approved. They are posted on the BAC web page.

**Lee Highway W&OD overpass**

VDOT is planning a new bridge at Lee Highway. Latest design has a kink to avoid overhead high voltage powerlines and the Crescent's open space. East Falls Church neighbors do not like the trail going through their neighborhood, and some oppose the bridge because it locks in the alignment, although it would still be possible some day to follow closely along I66 with a ramp and Sycamore overpass. VDOT wants to move cars faster off the I66 off ramp onto Lee Highway, and putting the cyclists and peds up on the bridge will facilitate that. The at-grade crossing will remain only because Arlington insists. Staff will work with VDOT on the bridge design. Gillian pointed out that we are in effect making a decision to keep the alignment where it is, without a full discussion of the alternatives for the whole section of trail.

**Benjamin Banneker Park**

Parks presented in December on this new project. Staff will be working with Parks, emphasizing the circulation and transportation issues. The BAC put forward two major problems: the sightlines under Sycamore and the trail route from Sycamore to Lee Highway. Steve Offutt suggested a different alignment, taking the trail north of the stream earlier to connect to the street at 18th and Tuckahoe. (The neighborhood is asking for 18th to be closed.)

**National Foreign Affairs Training Center Master Plan update**

Staff has asked the State Department to keep the trail across their facility open and extend it to 3rd St S to provide a route to TJ, or alternately to assist Arlington in paving a new trail through Alcova Park for the west end connection. They also asked for improvements along Arlington Boulevard. State's EA did not include any of those requests. The BAC wants to advise the County Manager that we support the Staff recommendations. The Ped Committee is sending a letter, and Gillian will sign onto it for the BAC.

**Arlington Fun Ride 2017**

Phoenix Bikes is hosting a National Youth Bike Summit, and can't handle the Fun Ride this year. Unless somebody else steps forward, the Fun Ride will take a year off.

## **2016 Data Review - David Patton**

David presented at the Transportation Review Board yesterday and shared some of his presentation. We have been doing automatic counters since 2009 and now have 35 in the field. Can access data on the web. Next step is processing the data to provide the basis for policy. The data has been very useful, tracking such things as bike increases when Metro has problems. Patterns of use are clear, including seasonal changes that are identical on lanes, trails and streets. Researchers used our data to show that daylight time and loss of ambient light changes trail use, so lighting trails may make sense. Other researchers have suggested that Arlington cyclists have a very strong preference for using trails rather than bike lanes, perhaps indicating that we need to improve our on-street facilities. David works hard on the quality of data. He works with BikeArlington to publicize our trail use during Metro outages. Bottom line: we have modest cycling growth overall, with variations for weather and other factors.

## **Arlington County Projects - BAC Priorities** David Goodman and David Patton

- Rosslyn/Lynn Esplanade/Custis improvements to N Oak St., including the Intersection of Doom.

Now a VDOT project, going out to bid soon.

- Custis improvements to Scott

Will be put out for construction bids this spring.

- W&OD/George Mason Dr.

Will be put out for construction bids this spring.

- Clarendon Circle - Transition from Fairfax Drive to Fairfax Drive at 10th St N

Some markings on street showing design elements. No signage changes as BAC requested.

- Quincy Protected Bike Lane

DES working with Parks on how to accommodate PBLs along Mosaic Park and will hold up the entire project until that is completed. At Quincy bridge over Custis, striping will be changed with median refuge, plus new lighting and a rapid flash beacon. Erin D pointed out a problem at the exit of the school parking lot over I66.

- Arlington Boulevard intersections at N. Irving St. (along with Park Drive and Manchester St) will be done soon.

- Washington Blvd Trail

Going out for bid soon.

- Walter Reed at Arlington Mill

Engineering almost complete. TEO says striping and bollards will be done this year to make ped refuge larger.

- Army Navy Dr PBL  
Nothing new.

- Protected Bike Lanes in Rosslyn  
Wilson done.

- Washington Blvd - Westover to East Falls Church  
Public meeting coming up on Jan 18 at 5:45 – 8pm at Westover Library.  
Some bike lanes, some may be buffered

- Ballston improvements  
Proceeding, but was on hold until SafeTrack is finished. "Blue Goose" lane at Glebe Rd  
and Fairfax Dr not done yet.

### **Plan for updating the Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan**

David Goodman passed out a draft of the plan. Will put it on next month's agenda.  
Gillian would like to discuss our overall priorities for the plan.

### **Bike Arlington Update**

Bike Arlington has an event on Jan 28: Balaclavas and Baklava, where participants  
make their own winter gear. Will sell out very quickly. Need volunteers who have sewing  
machines. Please contact Erin Potter: [Erin.Potter@BikeArlington.com](mailto:Erin.Potter@BikeArlington.com)

### **New business**

None.

### **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted:  
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Subbing for Dana