



PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I am writing on behalf of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) to reiterate the PAC's support for the Arlington Neighborhood Complete Streets Program (NCS). The PAC has written to you on [January 21, 2016](#) and [March 16, 2016](#) explaining our support. We continue to believe in the importance of the program.

As part of our charter, we "provide a forum for citizens to comment on the quality of pedestrian life in Arlington". We have heard from Arlington residents time and time again about the need for more neighborhood sidewalks, better street lighting, and safer intersections, not only on the streets where they live, but on the paths to community facilities, such as schools, parks, and transit.

When the NCS Commission placed a call for projects the response from the community was overwhelming. There were more than [360 applications](#), with 155 unique project ideas, submitted in the six weeks the application process was open, demonstrating a broad desire in our community to improve streets to make them safer for all users, including pedestrians. Given the many viable, worthwhile projects submitted, the review and evaluation has proven to be a major undertaking, with limited resources to verify appropriate high-scoring projects.

In the interim, while the NCS program continues to work through the identification and implementation of a pilot project, the PAC continues to have faith that NCS will be a viable way forward to meeting this important community need. We understand that the NCS program continues to need sufficient resources to properly evaluate the many submissions received, and work toward implementation. Additionally, should the pilot project prove successful, we encourage the County to provide sufficient out-year capital funding to meaningfully accelerate the pace of projects that the program will be able to support.

The need to complete many of Arlington's neighborhood streets is real, and we hope NCS will be positioned to address this need in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Pamela Van Hine  
Chair, Pedestrian Advisory Committee