

Joint Lee Highway Alliance (LHA), Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting  
LHA Office, Russell Building, 4620 Lee Highway, #208  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 7-9 P.M.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Minutes, approved unanimously August 8, 2018

PAC members present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice chair; Ellen Armbruster; John Armstrong; Ian Blackwell; Jim Feaster; Eric Goodman; Tom Korn; Christine Ng; Leeann Sinpatanasakul; Andrea Walker; Chris Yarie; David Patton, Staff; Rich Viola, Staff; Katy Lang, WALKARlington.

Other attendees: Approximately 70 people attended this meeting. In addition to PAC members and staff, meeting attendees included the following: LHA Hosts: Sandi Chesrown, Richard Price, and Lucia deCordre; Other County staff: Natasha Alfonso-Ahmed, CPHD; Christine Sherman, DES; Kelly Cornell, DES; and Erin Potter, BIKEArlington; and several attendees interested in pedestrian issues including Clayton Swope, Gail Ginsburg, and Jaime Bluth. Most of the current BAC members, representatives from 13 of the 16 Lee Highway Civic Associations, and many interested Arlingtonians from the area also attended.

Meeting Summary:

G. Burgess, BAC Chair, P Van Hine, PAC Chair, and S. Chesrown, LHA, welcomed attendees and asked them to introduce themselves. G. Burgess explained the purpose of this meeting - to gather information on bike-ped issues along Lee Highway that can be shared with consultants for the Lee Highway Planning Project. N. Alfonso-Ahmed, CPHD, briefly reviewed the [Lee Highway Planning Study](#) process and time table. County staff are currently interviewing consulting firms and plan to negotiate contract in August and award contract in September. Study kickoff will be in November.

R. Viola quickly briefed attendees on the [Update](#) to the Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan. In the past several months, the Bike Element Staff and Working Group [reached out](#) to many County communities and organizations, including the [PAC](#). Suggestions and comments were gathered both online and in person through various meetings and events. Their goal is to complete update this fall and bring to the County Board before the end of the year.

G. Burgess reviewed the information gathering process for comments and recommendations for bike-ped issues along Lee Highway. Lee Highway maps were divided into 4 sections, running from Rosslyn to Falls Church. Each map section had a County staff facilitator (D. Patton, E. Potter, R. Viola, and C. Sherman). Attendees were encouraged to write comments on sticky notes and place them on the maps. The process had two rounds: In the first round, attendees wrote down the challenges for cyclists and pedestrians; in the second round, they wrote down

short-term and long-term solutions. After discussion of each round, the facilitators summarized the result for their table. The facilitators provided written summaries after the meeting.

Outcomes/themes/recommendations: A summary of the meeting presentations and challenges and solutions is available on the [LHA website](#). Commonly mentioned pedestrian issues include the following: better wayfinding - needed everywhere; streets: often too wide, slip lanes should be removed; sidewalks: missing, too narrow, poor condition; median refuges: too narrow, poor condition, non-existent; crosswalks: missing, need repainting, many are dangerous (need pedestrian lights of some type); driver behavior: speeding, not yielding (need better enforcement, signage); traffic signals: too short for crossing safely, often seem set for traffic, not pedestrians, eliminate right on red, some intersections need left turn signals; street environment: need more trees, benches, more street lights. Higher risk: schools, shopping centers, grocery stores, higher risk pedestrians (young, old, disabled, frail).

After the charrette process was completed, the BAC and PAC Chairs thanked everyone for their enthusiastic participation and encouraged them to attend future BAC and PAC meetings. C. Sherman gave a brief overview of the [C3 program](#) (Customer Care & Communications, DES Transportation Engineering & Operations), what types of issues are covered, and how to contact them (DES-TEO@arlingtonva.us). After the joint meeting was over, the BAC and PAC held separate brief business meetings.

#### PAC Business Meeting

At 8:45 P.M. the Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed members, staff, and guests.

Approval of minutes: The Chair called for a motion and second to approve the draft minutes from the June 13 PAC meeting. The minutes were approved without change. D. Patton then distributed an updated spreadsheet with PAC members' information and asked members to send him any corrections.

September Disability Walkabout: The Chair quickly updated the PAC about plans for the disability walkabout. The best date for everyone is Saturday, September 22. The Chair is going to meet staff in the Sequoia Building to check out available wheelchairs. As these chairs are designed for obese users, they may or may not meet our needs. If the chairs will work, the walk will be held in the vicinity of the Sequoia building. If the chairs will not work, the Chair will look for a different source.

Public Comments: J. Bluth and her husband came to the meeting to discuss construction issues in the Ballston area. She specifically mentioned sparks flying off construction equipment at passing pedestrians and other hazards. PAC committee members and staff offered several suggestions, promised to send a followup e-mail message, and encouraged Ms. Bluth to come to future PAC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be held in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms, Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. Our featured speaker, Hui Wang, will speak about County signaling policy.