

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2019  
Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms  
Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard  
Minutes (approved as submitted November 13, 2019)

Present: Eric Goldstein, Chair; Chris Yarie, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; Ian Blackwell; Gail Ginsburg; Eric Goodman; Andrea Walker; David Patton, Bicycle-Pedestrian Planner; Christine Sherman, Principal Planner, TE&O; Ritch Viola, Bicycle & Pedestrian Program Manager; Katy Lang, WalkArlington Program Manager

Guests: Paul DelMaio and Zachary DesJardins, Metrobike; Kai Eubanks; Elizabeth Gallagher; Talia Marcus; Wes Moncrief; Leeann Sinpatanasakul

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and welcomed PAC members, staff, and guests. There were no public comments.

**Invited Speaker: Zachary DesJardins, Metrobike: Findings for [Micromobility in Arlington](#)**

The speaker reviewed findings to date on microbile use in Arlington. Among the findings is that e-scooter trips are relatively short (less than one mile). The survey results quantify what travel mode is being replaced by e-scooter use; walking was the most frequent response, but ride-share and personal car were the second and third most common modes being replaced. The most common reasons for riding scooters are for fun, to run errands, and to get to and from the Metro. Complaints about e-scooters continue to focus on where they are parked, by both riders and wranglers, and how and where they are ridden, with many pedestrians concerned about their safety on sidewalks.

The speaker distributed copies of the Draft Micro-Mobility Regulatory Framework: County Code Section 24.1 Questions for Consideration and the draft County Shared Mobility Devices (SMD) Pilot Evaluation Report, September, 2019. The Chair then led a committee discussion of the questions in the framework questionnaire. The PAC expressed consensus on the following:

- Multi-Use Trails: Micromobiles should be allowed on trails, and riders should follow posted speed limits.
- Prohibited Areas: The PAC did not support prohibited areas, such as schools. Rather they thought that enforcing age limits was more appropriate.
- For-Hire Regulations: In general the PAC did not support the types of potential regulations listed in this section of the Draft Framework. Specifically, PAC members agreed that micromobiles should be available 24/7, as drunk riding has not been shown to be a problem, and riders with late shift jobs or other night-time activities need the micromobiles available to them.
- Equity: PAC members supported equitable distribution and access. The Vice Chair stated that equity must include equitable distribution of safe street infrastructure as well to encourage use.
- Micromobiles on sidewalks and speed limits: PAC members had a spirited discussion on these topics, and eventually reached consensus: the speed limit for micromobiles on streets should be increased to 15mph, but limited to 6mph on sidewalks. Clear signage and SMD instructions are needed. The message needs to be simple, precise, and repeated. The PAC agreed that when protected bike lanes were available, riders should use them. The PAC also agreed that there may be other specific areas of the County, such as those with high pedestrian congestion and/or narrow sidewalks, where micromobile riding could be prohibited. The County will work on specific guidelines.
- PAC members also emphasized that County regulations need to be coordinated with other jurisdictions in the region and that clear, simple, consistent educational messaging is critical. The PAC will send comments to the County Manager no later than September 19. The Vice Chair will write the section on equity.

**Motion:** *The PAC Recording Secretary MOVED that the PAC approve that the Chair and Vice Chair compile PAC views from this meeting's discussion and send them to the County Manager. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.*

**Invited Speaker: Ritch Viola, Bike & Pedestrian Program Manager: WalkArlington Program Funding and the [CIP](#):**

The speaker walked the committee through the WalkArlington CIP projects. This program has three general components and several relatively small specific projects. The general program components are 1) pedestrian improvements, 2) ADA accessibility, and 3) pedestrian safety technology. The budget for pedestrian improvements is currently approximately \$300,00, funding specific small projects from \$10-60,000. The \$57,000 budget for ADA accessibility primarily funds missing curb ramp projects that cost approximately \$3-10,000/project. The \$160,000 in the safety technology program funds HAWKS and RRFBs, at \$30-50,000/project. Examples in the CAP projects include ADA accessibility in the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor and S Carlin Springs Road. Staff and funding for these projects are limited, but the funds are flexible, projects can be implemented quickly, and funding can be combined with other funding sources. Project staff closely coordinate project development with staff of other programs, such as Neighborhood Complete Streets, Neighborhood Conservation, and Safe Routes to Schools. Additional funding is often sought from Commonwealth and federal funds. The speaker encouraged the PAC to also review projects in other programs, such as: Neighborhood Conservation, Neighborhood Complete Streets, Complete Streets, Bus Stop Improvements, Bike Arlington, Traffic Signal Technology, Streetlights, Transportation Maintenance, and TE&O Striping and Marking projects.

The Chair asked how the PAC could provide feedback to the County most effectively. The speaker encouraged the PAC to prioritize projects of high interest, as the BAC is doing, and to comment on projects proposed by County staff. PAC recommendations should be submitted to the County Manager in writing.

**PAC Business:**

*Chair Report:* The Chair mentioned the recent pedestrian fatality on Ohio Street. He reminded the committee that the next PAC meeting will be a joint meeting with the BAC on Monday, October 7, that the primary topic will be bike-ped access during construction projects, and that TE&O staff will be there. He proposes that the PAC will work to set their priorities for CIP programs at the November meeting.

*Katy Lang: WalkArlington Update:* The speaker noted the Custis Trail detour and that the W&OD Trail storm damage under Wilson Boulevard can be repaired. She promoted the [Arlington Disaster Relief Trials](#) (September 14), [Parking Day](#) (September 20, see participants and map), and Walk to School Day (October 2).

*Approval of Minutes:* Draft minutes from the past four PAC meetings were submitted for approval.

**Motion:** *The Chair MOVED that all for sets of draft PAC minutes ([May 8, 2019](#); [June 12, 2019](#); [July 10, 2019](#); and [August 14, 2019](#)) be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved as submitted.*

*Christine Sherman: TE&O Update:* The speaker noted that TE&O is currently working on school speed zones and signaling, such as in Overlee Knolls. The consultants are still compiling the survey results and comments on the [Core of Rosslyn Transportation Study](#). Finally, she reported that key staff are starting to draft the Action Plan for the County's Vision Zero program and hope to complete it in a year. She noted that public engagement for Vision Zero may start this November, and that the PAC should designate a representative for this engagement before November.

*Pamela Van Hine: Two major transportation projects:*

- **[Long Bridge Project](#):** The Long Bridge Project team has posted new draft documents for a new railroad bridge over the Potomac, and this proposal includes a separate bike-ped bridge as well as connections to Long Bridge Park and the Mount Vernon Trail. A public hearing will be held on October 22, and comments are due no later than October 28. Remaining key issues for the PAC include ensuring that the bike-ped bridge is built at the same time as the railroad bridge and that the exact location of the landing on the DC side of the Potomac has been resolved.
- **[Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion Project and Associated Roadway Realignment](#):** The speaker reported that the new ANC EA and FONSI now recommend including a separate bike lane and sidewalk on Columbia Pike, but do not provide more details, except in an ANC response to the County Manager's letter in Appendix A. She recommends that the PAC Chair send a letter to the County Manager

expressing these concerns: 1) That the details on the proposed bike lane and sidewalk be included in the EA and FONSI documents, 2) that other PAC recommendations for the sidewalk be included, 3) that construction plans be specified and bike-ped access during construction be detailed, and 4) that the walk time of the proposed HAWK light be increased. Comments are due to ANC no later than September 30. PAC staff will research whether the County will have a formal response to this latest ANC proposal. If not, people can send individual comments to the ANC directly.

***Motion:*** *The speaker MOVED that the PAC Chair prepare a response to the County Manager that addresses the concerns listed above, if staff discover that the County will be responding to the revised ANC EA/FONSI. The motion was seconded, and the PAC approved the recommendation unanimously.*

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be a joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), on Monday, October 7, 7 P.M., in Room 311. The primary topic will be bike-ped access during construction projects.