

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 7-9 P.M.
Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms
Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Minutes, approved with minor edit, December 11, 2019

Present: Eric Goldstein, Chair; Chris Yarie, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; Jim Feaster; Gail Ginsburg; Eric Goodman; Tom Korn; David Patton, Bicycle-Pedestrian Planner; Christine Sherman, Principal Planner, TE&O, also Speaker; Katy Lang, Active Transportation Program Manager (formerly WalkArlington Program Manager)

Guests: Additional speakers: Lt. Daniel Murphy, Melissa McMahon, Tasha Arreza, Lama Bou Mjahed Ph.D.; Other guests: Elizabeth Gallagher; Neal Hunter, DPR

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and welcomed PAC members, staff, and guests. There were no public comments. In his Chair's report, the Chair reminded the PAC to follow [County guidelines](#) when posting to the PAC Public Google Group (see section on online public participation)..

Lt. Daniel Murphy, Arlington County Police Department Special Operations: Update for Bicycle-Pedestrian Crashes in Arlington County, 2017-October, 2019

Lt Murphy discussed the data in his new report. Pedestrian crashes are down in 2019, and cyclist crashes are up. Pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries are also up. The most common situations for pedestrian crashes remain drivers turning left into pedestrians in a crosswalk, and the most common situation for cyclist crashes is still drivers turning right across cyclists going straight. His map of pedestrian crashes shows the highest numbers in the County main corridors - Ballston-Rosslyn, Columbia Pike, and Route One, with a significant cluster south of Route 66 close to Lubber Run. He explained how the Pedestrian Saturation Enforcement procedure and illustrated them through several quick videos. He noted that e-scooter crashes have not been as frequent or as severe as many had predicted - only 15-20 crashes, with only 1-2 serious injuries. He thought that most riders are using e-scooters for commuting and are riding carefully. When asked about the role of police in observing and tracking construction violations, he said he worked closely with TE&O staff and that the public frequently reports issues to the police directly. The Chair suggested he might want to work more closely with the DES construction staff, and D Patton said he's send Lt. Murphy contact information.

Christine Sherman, TE&O Principal Planner: TE&O Update:

[Core of Rosslyn Transportation Study](#): The study is now complete and the final report is now online. Staff are currently prioritizing the proposed transportation projects, sorting them into projects that can be done before the Ft. Meyer tunnel project, the Ft. Meyer tunnel project, and projects that cannot be completed until after the tunnel is removed. Projects are listed as short-term projects, which can be done without CIP funding (p. 67). Priority projects are high-priority CIP projects (9-3), such as the tunnel (\$30 million), Priority CIP projects (9-4), and lower-priority projects (9-5). Section 9-3 is unfunded projects that will not be developed until after 2030. Longer term projects also address how to keep pass-through traffic out of the Rosslyn Core. Finally, many projects will be partially supported by new developments, such as several involving Ft. Meyer. The Holiday Inn and Marriott are two of the developments. Look at [Appendix E](#) for details on each project and [Appendix F](#) for Study Area Cross Sections. The Chair suggested reviewing the project for proposed CIP funding recommendations - a topic for December's PAC meeting.

Vision Zero: The first meeting with the [External Stakeholders Group](#) will be Thursday, November 15. The group will meet every other month, with a goal to produce a draft plan before the end of 2020, when it can go to the County Board for approval. The County Vision Zero program will focus on diversity and equity as well as the five Es (engineering, enforcement, education, engagement, and evaluation).

Motion: The Chair asked for a motion and second to appoint him as the primary PAC representative and Eric Goodman as the secondary representative. J. Feaster made the motion, the Vice Chair seconded, no one challenged the choices, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Melissa McMahon, Principal Planner; Lama Bou Mjahed Ph.D. Research Director; Tasha Arreza, Research Manager, TDM (Transportation Demand Management), Mobility Labs: [Mobility Labs](#) Transit Research - Overview and [Three Transit Projects](#)

Ms. McMahon and Dr. Mjahed briefly reviewed the County TDM structure and purpose, how it relates to other County transportation work, and what types of studies are done and with whom. Ms. Arreza then described three recent transit TDM projects: attitudes towards ART buses; how to encourage transit use; and a senior study. Recommendations from these studies can be found online here. T. Kornes encouraged the County to use bus shelters more creatively, for community functions and services as well as for bus service. He also talked about promoting how riding public transit awakens users to the world around them, rather than being in the isolation of a car. J. Feaster noted that, according to the CoA research, seniors are often not aware of transportation services available to them - and that they are concerned about the number of transfers needed to get to their hospital or other final destination.

Katy Lang, Active Transportation Program Manager: WalkArlington Update: Ms. Lang noted her new position and that Community Services was now seeking a new WalkArlington Program Manager. Please let her know of anyone who might be interested. She also mentioned the bike lights distribution, that Benjamin Banneker Park is now closed, and a W&OD detour is in place (see url). Finally, she mentioned the Balaclava and Baklava event at the Main County Library on December 4.

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

Motion: The Chair MOVED that the draft September 11, 2019 PAC meeting minutes and the draft October 7, 2019 Joint BAC-PAC meeting minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded, the Recording Secretary noted an error in the BAC-PAC minutes that she will fix, and the minutes were unanimously approved, as edited.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 7 P.M. in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms in the Bozman Center. PAC recommendations for the next CIP cycle will be one of the primary topics.