

Arlington FSS Meeting

Wednesday, 5/25/2022

Meeting notes:

1. Introductions – 6 people in attendance
2. Old Business
 - a. Update on selected street corridor safety campaigns
 - i. Courthouse West
 1. Some response from the county has been heard
 2. Clarendon and Courthouse has major biking hazards
 - a. No interim efforts to reduce speeding in the Clarendon area
 - b. In person enforcement data will not be used to influence traffic legislation however, they do plan to enforce the hands free law
 - c. Arlington claims to put pedestrians above cars but it isn't evident in the Courthouse west corridors
 - d. Cars on multiple occasions go 35-40 mph in the corridor
 - e. Need to pursue initiatives to reduce speeding
 - f. Change won't occur until an accident actually happens which isn't ideal in fixing the speeding issues
 - g. Stop signs are routinely sped through
 - h. Dave will promote this initiative in-person in his area
 - i. **Create an opportunity to meet with board member Takis and discuss these issues**
 - ii. Shirlington
 1. Hung was absent
 - b. Near miss survey update
 - i. Update on Metro Washington Council of Governments Consulting Grant
 1. Century Engineering is the consultant hired by the TPB
 - a. Application capability enhancement, create metrics for advocacy and safety education
 - b. Enhance NM survey, translate to more languages and/or modify questions we are asking
 2. Topics covered in recent meetings
 - a. Tech aspects of accessing NM survey data and deploying eventual tool
 - b. What questions we are asking with NM
 - c. Century will begin by assessing overlap between NM results and VDOT TREDIS data
 - d. Future steps will include developing list of questions to answer NM and TREDIS data analysis
 - e. Century will compile best practices for language and accessibility enhancements to NM
 3. Mike: NM is the leading data indicator compared to the VDOT older data. VDOT crash TREDIS data is assessed in an unknown way. NM is to

be used to educate people on dangerous intersections and to promote advocacy for future legislation.

4. Biggest issue is collecting data, the more data the better
 5. Another potential data source: **Noise Data**
 6. Big disconnect between politicians and the public, more data=more advocacy changes, Politicians won't implement change without evidence
- ii. NM Arlington entries from March 2021 - May 2022 (179 incidents)
 - iii. NM Arlington entries from December 2021 - May 2022 (73 incidents)
 1. We need to be active in Rosslyn since they have a large biking community
 2. A lot of incidents occur during the morning, past lunch, and during the afternoon rush hour
 3. Drivers are usually at fault from the NM data (93%)
 4. Incidents are reported a lot by cyclists (63%)
 5. Reasons for incidents: Bike lane blocked (56%), Failure to yield to ped (29%)
 6. Locations of incidents: Bike lane not protected (56%), crosswalk (32%), traffic light (23%)
- c. NoVA FSS website updates are coming soon
3. New Business
 - a. Columbia Heights Civic Association (CHCA)
 - i. Ron Haddox (President)
 - ii. They want us to connect to the Columbia Pike Partnership
 - iii. Alistair has connections to CPP
 - b. Arlington County Vision Zero Critical Crash Campaign
 - i. Pedestrian signage (around 100)
 1. Systemic (around 50)
 - a. All Community centers and facilities
 - b. Businesses and public spaces in low-vehicle access areas
 - c. Businesses near Metrorail station entrances and bus corridors
 2. General (around 50)
 - a. Businesses places that have a lot of foot traffic
 - i. Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor
 - ii. Crystal City
 - iii. Columbia Pike
 - iv. Pentagon City mall
 - b. High schools
 - i. Yorktown
 - ii. Washington Liberty
 - iii. Wakefield
 - iv. Arlington Community
 - v. O'Connell
 - ii. Speed Signage (around 100)
 1. General (around 100)

- a. Businesses along the high injury network
 - i. Columbia Pike
 - ii. Four mile run Dr.
 - iii. Glebe Rd.
 - iv. Clarendon
 - iii. Bike Signage (around 80)
 - c. Del Patrick Hope zoom call
 - i. Asked Delegate Hope to push new legislation in next year's general assembly
 - 1. Discussed the issue of 1% Contributory Negligence. Del. Hope asked us to research how many Republican controlled states use "comparative" negligence as the standard versus 1% contributory negligence.
 - ii. Arl FSS should reach out to Senator Barbara Favola
 - d. New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) proposed rules
 - i. Fact sheet, Call to action here: <https://www.alxffss.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/05/NCAP-Fact-Sheet-Call-the-Action-June-2022.pdf>
 - ii. Due June 8th
- 4. Upcoming events, **Next Arlington FSS meeting, (changing date to) Monday, June 20, 2022**
 - a. In person summer social/meeting
 - b. Where: Papatella Pizza at 5104 Wilson Blvd
- 5. Next quarterly newsletter: early days of July once we have the data
 - a. Need feature story