

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets

May 2, 2022
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Mike Doyle
Captain Alan Hanson
Rachel Flynn
Karen McCluskey- Alexandria area of Ffx
Sonya Breehey
Chris French
Sally Kidalov - Walkinshaw (Alexandria area)
Marcia Twomey - Medical care for uninsured children
Lauren Delmare
Katie Wilson - Bailey's Initiative for — GMU - School of business
Del. Kaye Kory
Sally Smallwood
Phillip Kemelor

Del. Kory - Motion commending NoVA Families for Safe Streets unanimously passed both houses (the only action to get unanimous votes from both houses this session)

Kaye read a few lines of commendation.

Vision Zero initiative - couldn't get it passed.

Get in touch with budget conferees? Working out differences in budget. Seeking support of senate transportation budget expenditures. Kaye to send Mike a list of relevant state policymakers.

Captain Alan Hanson

6 pedestrian fatalities so far this year. Twice as many as this time last year. Last year there were 14 fatalities. Street Smart program kicked off last week. Focus on high risk corridors. Jaywalking is primary cause of fatalities. Star light review? Trying to get these done in these types of crashes. Look at lighting on roadways b/c too often poor lighting is a contributing factor. Also, typically no common, or convenient area to cross the road so people take their chances crossing anyway – which can be a fatal decision. Distracted drivers and speeding drivers are all too often part of the problem

1st Jan 8th – 11:26 pm Fair Oaks – 35 mph in a 35 zone near Lee Hwy intersection but Pedestrian was going against light. Poor road lightening in the area

2nd Feb 3rd – 10:44 am - Huamin Xuan, 86 year old woman

Do you have any idea of speed at time of crash? And nearest available crosswalk?

40 in 45mph on Barron Cameron. Within 150' of crosswalk. Raining

3rd – Feb 10th 8:30 pm - William Dunn – 83 year old male
Within 200' of Columbia Pike intersection - 25 mph. Just turned onto John Marr. Crossing mid-block. Question asked if driver was distracted with looking at his phone. Ans: Need “probable cause” to examine phone records – difficult to get judge to grant that.

4th – Feb 19th – 7 pm - Victor Savier Barillas Delao
Evening. Darkness. Several hundred feet from nearest intersection.
¼ mile from Workhouse road. 55 mph speed limit

5th - March 28 1:24pm
Franconia/Commerce. 3 drivers and 1 pedestrian.
1st driver ran red light. Hit another truck. Ford F150 struck panhandler. And struck another vehicle. Pan handler in medium when vehicle crashed into him. First driver was charged w/red light violation, speeding. Commonwealth attorney doesn't automatically get involved. Police want them more involved so early this year found out and doing it differently now.

6th - April 20 at 6:30pm
59 year old. Pedestrian in marked crosswalk.
Driver charged w/vulnerable road user
No speed to report. She was speeding.
Walkinshaw staffer - lots of complaints re: that crosswalk.

How do you determine speed? Is it self-reported? Onboard can report speed if airbags deploy
Sometime self-reported. Analysis on the issue is wanting.

Can you check phones? If there's probably cause, PD will check phones. But they can't as a matter of routine. Needs to be presented to judge.

Captain Hanson. Photo enforcement on the horizon. Would support in high crash zones too.

Rachel Flynn

To share a list regarding action at Leesburg Pike (near Bailey's) .

1. Speed monitoring -trailers. Install a week at time.
2. Extending Ped crossing time at Glen Carlyn. Already implemented.
3. Lead pedestrian intervals. Discussed w/VDOT. Complications. Only LPI w/concurrent signals. Signal engineers aren't willing to modify otherwise.

4. Speed study. Gill Schawicki. Will look at reducing speed limit to 30-35mph. Will start spring/summer. Will take several months
5. HAWK for mid-block between Glen Carlyns. Need to find funding. Work would take 6 months. \$500K to \$750K
6. Painting along Rt. 7 where recent ped killing occurred. Can take 4' and paint the edge for larger shoulder.
 - a. This is called "tactical urbanism." Since we don't own roads, don't know. Need to talk to VDOT
7. Add 4th leg at Glen Carlyn. Potential funding from HSIP.
8. Diagonal sidewalk where goat path is now.
9. Sidewalk along Liberty - 400'. Every mile is \$5-6 million. VDOT is surveying property now to determine ROW and underground utilities.
10. Same side with northside.
11. Few things behind Culmore shopping center. VDOT painted a tighter radius - Could be tactical urbanism in that but Yield signs aren't warranted
12. Lighting on a street (didn't catch the name) on the north side of Rt. 7.

Blake Lane -

Lauren. Some crosswalk / ped signage added. Vegetation clearing being done. FCDOT started project to improve crosswalk at Bushman. Not funded at this time for construction.

Can relook at other crossing that Chris had mentioned as possibility but nothing currently in the works.

Karen - Near Miss Update

Increasing trend each month. Failure to yield and speeding are most frequent reports.

YTD - Rt. 7 had a majority of incidents.

NVTA 6-yr plan and TPB's Visualize 2045 – comments due in May

Joint letter with Ffx FSS and others on Lockheed Blvd

Fairfax Healthy Communities - no objections to joining. No one stepped up to be liaison. To follow up with Mike.

- Next Ffx FSS meeting – June 6th virtual, 6:30 pm.
 - Guess speaker – John Lynch, VDOT's N. VA District Engineer
 - We should invite other street safety advocacy organizations
- July Ffx FSS meeting - maybe a social get together in early July w/outdoor venue
- August – no meeting so planning for fall ped safety advocacy should start now.