

# Fairfax FSS Meeting Notes

Monday, 9 January 2023: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

## Advisory Committee Agenda on Zoom

### Introductions 16 attendees

#### Old Business

- Fairfax FSS collected about \$1,366 for year-end donations. Thank you to all of our friends who donated to Ffx FSS.
- Update on the Bailey's Crossroads\Culmore street safety petition. Sonya reports that the petition is still open. The Culmore coalition hopes to get 1000 signatures on the petition.
- Other high crash corridor updates. Route 50 - nothing is happening other than the last STARS update. Route 50 borders on two different District Supervisors' new jurisdictions so it tends not to get full attention.
- Chris French provided an overview of a recently updated Near Miss Survey & Dashboard. The Dashboard analytics shows Dangerous Locations and types of Near Misses by pedestrian, cyclist, scooter rider or driver. It shows clusters of numerous NM reports in a particular road corridor, and with some filters, one can see the DMV's TREDs crash data where fatalities or serious injuries happened. The TREDs data is reporting just pedestrian and cyclist crashes, not vehicle to vehicle crashes. The TREDs data goes back to 2015. We have roughly 200 Near Miss reports to-date in Fairfax County.
  - One of the NM report's features that jumps out is the lack of penetration in some of the high crash corridors such as Bailey's Crossroads / Culmore, Blake Lane, Route 50 and Richmond Highway South. Part of our problem is that we don't have material yet to show the QR codes in the multiple languages. One of our primary efforts in 2023 will be to plan how we can achieve better penetration and awareness in these communities

Click here to see the dashboard [Near Miss and Dangerous Locations data reporting and dashboard](#).

#### New Business

- Fairfax County pedestrian fatalities report. Karen McClusky presented an overview of her work which provides details on the 32 pedestrians killed in 2022. Karen's report shows maps of the location (by District Supervisor territory) where the fatalities occurred and some basic details of each crash. In addition, the report shows the status of the charges filed against the drivers who killed the pedestrians. The report is the first of its kind and will be published once finalized and sent to our County and GA policymakers, transportation staff, police, and everyone on our Ffx FSS mailing list.
- 2023 outreach plans Phil said our plan will include more robust social media posting and increase in email frequency with cross referencing social media post in selected emails.

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- Andrea McGimsey suggest outreach done through community projects such as the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) that's in Fairfax, Alexandria as well as Loudoun County.
- Also, back to school nights in the fall via connecting with the PTA organizations plus,
- Homeowners associations (HOA) and/or local community organizations such as Bailey's Crossroads / Culmore, Richmond Hwy South, etc.
- TikTok - Phil has identified two high school students who are helping develop a TikTok outreach awareness campaign for NoVA FSS / Ffx FSS. Gen Z is more likely to use TikTok rather than some of our other social media platforms like Facebook or Instagram. This could be a good way to connect with the younger segment of our community.
  - The two high school volunteers are Daniel and Colleen. They will try to bring awareness about the NM survey and alert people to resources for victims that are on our website. Their TikTok post will have content about street safety best practices for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- The District Supervisor elections will be held later this year. Filings for all District Supervisor candidates has an April 6 deadline, so post the April filing date Ffx FSS could develop a questionnaire regarding street safety issues and perhaps hold a public forum to have a Q&A session with the candidates.
- ASE in school zones and work zones. Fairfax County BoS voted for such measures being taken in the County. The County authorized installation of speed cameras at nine different school zone (one in each supervisory district) and one work zone. Exact locations to be announced soon.
- NoVA FSS / Ffx FSS legislative wish list for the current GA 2023 session is:
  - Broaden ASE installation to selected residential and business district zones based upon jurisdictional discretion.
  - Lower the speed limit at jurisdictional discretion on selected residential or business districts streets,
  - Increase penalties on drivers who kill vulnerable road users to some level of deterrent consequences (e.g., 6 points, \$2,500 fine, up to 6 months in jail) when the driver is determined to be at fault for failure to yield with the result of killing a pedestrian.
    - Karen McClusky's study highlights the negligible consequence of drivers killing pedestrians and getting fined \$250 (maybe) but nothing else.
- Bus stop safety concerns. Jamie Bluth asks how can we find out how many bus stops get crashed into by errant drivers? Shyamali Hauth, Legislative Director to Supr. Walter Alcorn of the Hunter Mill District, has already asked FCDOT to provide some information on this issue and is waiting for a response.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Next Fairfax FSS meeting** – Monday, February 6, 2023