

Responses from Councilman Canek Aguirre

1. Please describe your walking and biking experience in Alexandria.

I don't bike but I do like going for walks in my neighborhood, Old Town, Del Ray, and Arlandria/Chirilagua. I have advocated for increased investments to build out Alexandria's trail and bike lane network, sidewalk improvements, and equitable distribution of alternative modes of transportation such as Capital Bikeshare and scooters.

2. Do you feel safe when walking around Alexandria?

I feel safe for the most part, but I am also an able bodied male who grew up in a much more urban and car aggressive environment.

a. What three measures do you think should be taken to improve pedestrian / bike safety?

Wider sidewalks, narrower car lanes, slower speeds and physical buffers where possible.

3. Do you support a permanent pedestrian only street on the 200 block of King Street?

Yes.

4. If speed cameras with automated ticketing are allowed, do you support speed cameras on streets such as Duke St., Seminary Rd., etc.?

Yes.

5. If you are elected, how will you champion investments in walking and biking infrastructure in Alexandria to improve safety and encourage active transportation?

My track record speaks for itself. During my time on Council, I have worked to increase investments in a 21st century multimodal transportation system that works for all users. I have voted in favor of adding bike lanes and sidewalks to make it safer for kids to get back and forth to school, reducing speed limits at our schools during arrival and dismissal, and more. Additionally, I have championed equitable distribution of scooters and Capital Bikeshare across Alexandria. I am a firm believer that by protecting the most vulnerable road users we are making the road safer for all.

6. How much do you see the lack of a complete connected bike network as a barrier to more biking? How can we better connect to the network?

I believe it creates a huge barrier because the lack of connectivity discourages usage. The easier and safer we make a connected bike network the more usage we will inevitably see across the city.