

Alexandria's Families for Safe Streets ("AFSS")

Zoom Meeting 17 Sept 2024: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Guest Speakers

- *T&ES update from Alex Carroll*
 - Recently complete projects included King Street, Seminary Rd., van Dorn Ave., and N. Pickett (where four new bike lanes with flex post have been installed)
 - In progress projects includes:
 - Eisenhower and Pickett with potential City Council hearing on October 19th but that date is not certain b/c both projects are under appeal
 - Holland Lane - it's been approved and going into detailed design phase
 - Other projects that don't have a City Council date yet includes the Duke Street Service Road and the Bradley Shopping Center Road service off King
 - Upcoming projects include:
 - Improvements from South Pickett to the City line
 - Improvements on Seminary Rd. West and N. Beauregard to the City line
 - West End high crash intersections audit. The City has some grant funding that allows for a study of seven intersections. Namely,
 - Seminary Rd. & Kirkland,
 - Seminary Rd. & the Mark Center,
 - van Dorn & S Pickett,
 - King Street & Park Center Drive
 - Upcoming repayment projects include van Dorn and N Beauregard around the William Ramsey school
 - Other:
 - The evaluation of ASEs around schools will be released shortly. In summary, drivers' speeds have been reduced all day - not just during school hours. The only citation given was to a non-resident driver.
 - The "peanut roundabout" at Glebe & Mount Vernon is in the design study phase. The actual project requires some land purchase so it will not be completed until 2027 or 2028
 - the issue of "Daylighting" regulations will come up to the T&PB next Monday, September 23rd.
 - Our colleague Dane Lauritzen, will be there to provide AFSS's support

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- *APD update from Sgt. Daniel Reeve*
 - From the period of August 1st to September 17th, 2024, Sergeant Reeve reports that there were:
 - Seven pedestrian crashes,
 - Four bike crashes
 - Two scooter crashes.
 - Fortunately, no one was killed but several injuries.
 - The chronology of the crashes was:
 - August 5th 12:57 PM at Duke St & N Quaker, another scooter crash. This time the scooter driver was in the crosswalk when the driver of a vehicle ran a red light. The driver was cited.
 - August 8th 6:45 pm at Seminary & N. Pickett a scooter crash where the scooter driver crossed the signal against the light and crashed into a vehicle. No serious injury and no citation.
 - August 8th at 10:40 PM at Duke, near South Reynolds a pedestrian ran mid-block across the road and was seriously injured with no citation on the part of the driver.
 - August 10th at 1:30 AM 200 BLK of La Verne Ave and the pedestrian was helping a driver back into a driveway and the driver inadvertently crashed into the pedestrian. The driver was cited.
 - August 11th - King & North Beauregard around 4:00 PM. A cyclist was struck by a Metro bus while the driver was turning right. The bus driver was cited. The cyclist was not seriously injured.
 - On August 18th 12:30 pm a pedestrian was in the crosswalk going across S. Pitt and Duke. A driver ran a red light and crashed into the pedestrian the driver was cited. Pedestrian was not seriously injured
 - August 18th 12:40 pm a cyclist in the 900 block of King Street got doored. No serious injury and no citation
 - August 19th pedestrian in the 1100 BLK of N Howard Street at 11:30 AM when a pedestrian got off a bus, stepped into the street (not a crosswalk) and a driver ran over his foot. No serious injury and no citation
 - September 9th 5:35 pm a cyclist coming out from a driveway hit a vehicle. No serious injury and no citations
 - September 10th 5:44 pm - a hit and run on a cyclist occurred at Tennessee Ave. and Cameron Mills minor injuries. The biker was hit from behind and the driver of the vehicle fled. Investigation OPEN

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- September 10th pedestrian at N Washington and Pendleton around 5:20 PM was in the crosswalk was crashed into. ***Ped was seriously injured***, and this incident is still under investigation.
- September 11th 7:25 am in the 700 BLK of N. Jordan a young pedestrian walked out between parked cars and was crashed into. Just minor injuries, no citation
- Sept 13th - Pedestrian on Duke & Roberts at 6:12AM. A truck turned right on red. Ped was in a crosswalk. Minor injuries. The driver was cited

AFSS discussion regarding our guest speakers.

- APD - Can we get our near miss data to feed into the 311 system? Answer: We need to ask Chief Pedroso.
- T&ES - If T&ES can give us the intersections, they plan to study for possible action we could ask our members to provide survey questions along these particular corridors. In other words, we can try to link our survey questions to some of the street planning efforts of the Complete Streets group at T&ES.
- We could also try to use utilize land use and zoning to help us do some predictive Near Miss analytics
- Other topics discussed regarding volunteer strategy
 - how can we attract new volunteers?
 - How to engage new volunteers?
 - How to manage new volunteers?
 - How to sustain volunteer activity?

Old Business - Update on:

- Questionnaire to City Council candidates
 - Joint questionnaire with BPAC [Safe Streets Questionnaire](#)
 - Out of the four current City Council members who are running for re-election, only John Chapman elected not to respond to the questionnaire. For those who remember, John is the only member running for re-election who voted against Seminar Road bike lanes . All other Democratic candidates have responded to the questionnaire as well as at least one of the independent candidates has responded.
- Traffic & Parking Board – the Daylighting regulation issue will come up in the Monday September 23rd meeting
- Community Outreach Events recently

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- NNO at Charles Houston Rec Ctr. – Aug 6th – Thanks Brian Shankman
- West End Farmers Market – Sept 8th – Thanks Bob Cox for your help

New Business

- **Release AFSS Near Miss/Dangerous Location Summary Report**
 - Thanks, Melissa McMahon, for working with the 4 Grad Students this summer. The report highlights selected intersections\ locations where community members recorded various dangerous driver behaviors such as failing to yield, speeding, stop light running, etcetera. The report identifies Mount Vernon Ave, Duke Street, Patrick, and Seminary Road in particular as high-risk corridors.
 - Press release is being published on Friday September 20th.
 - To see the report, click: [Alexandria Near Miss Summary Report](#)
- **We are excited to announce that the DMV has granted \$17,000 to NoVA FSS to fund our pedestrian safety programs.**
 - Money will help fund Ped Ed programs in all 3 NoVA FSS chapters.
 - Emphasis on underserved communities (Need Spanish Speakers)
 - Thanks, Norm Lisy & Patrick Wise for assisting with the grant application!
- **Ped Ed plans for the fall of 2024 & early 2025**
 - Middle School – Patrick Henry (Oct 1st), GWMS (Jan 8 & 9, 2025)
 - New program for high school students – we need volunteers.

Upcoming Event

- **ACHS Safety Fair** on Sept 25th – thanks Bob Cox for volunteering; others?
- **AFSS next meeting** is scheduled for **Tue, Oct 15, 2024**
- **Farmers Markets** – OTFM (Oct 26th) & Del Ray (Nov 2nd?)
 - **Need volunteers for 8 to 10 or 10 to noon**
- **WDoR** – We will not hold a WDoR event this year due to other project constraints. We will try to release an updated TREADS data analysis around mid-November to highlight the unacceptable level of pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and serious injuries.