

Arlington Families for Safe Streets

Meeting Venue: Zoom conference call

8 Dec 2020

Attendees:

Gillian Burgess, Mike Doyle, Mary Dallao, Michelle Brydges, Dan Nabors, Debbie Spiliotopoulos

Discussion points:

- ❖ **Please note: New day for monthly meetings:** second Tuesday of the month (January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13,..)

- ❖ **Old Business**
 - **SRTS update** - a group led by Walk and Bike Arlington, in partnership with SRTS, promoting “12 days of Active Winter Break,” creative ideas, e.g. a trip to find a Little Free Library, view holiday lights, etc. Arl FSS and others will help promote.
 - Still seeking volunteers to lead and/or support Walking School Bus or Bike Train in their school neighborhood once these programs get going, as well as to increase participation among APS families (K-5) for Sidewalk Audits

 - **Virginia General Assembly** – prep for 2021 session
 - Three initiatives: ASE cameras (but that will be pushed to GA 2021 session) 15 mph minimum speed limit; Bicycle Safety Act, which includes provisions for a safety stop (also known as a “Delaware stop”) at stop signs, for bikes to ride side by side and for drivers to pass cyclists by going into the adjacent traffic lane (just like a car passing another car)
 - We will continue to lay groundwork for expanding automated speed enforcement (ASE) & ending contributory negligence, but not push to expand ASE to residential and business areas this year. Instead, support ASE implementation in school and work zones, and obtain/analyze the data this year.
 - Note regarding data -- VDOT/Health Dept is making available streetlight data on an ongoing basis, January 13th webinar.

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- Meeting with state & local elected officials: Barbara Favola, Adam Ebbin, Patrick Hope, Rip Sullivan; County Board members. Laying groundwork for Arlington to implement 15mph via a study, even before the municipal discretion piece is (hopefully) passed.

➤ **VT Grad School Capstone Studio Program Update – 3 Teams of Students**

- Outreach Group (Arl FSS liaison – Michelle, Debbie) (met Friday, 12/11)
- Crash & Near Miss Data Analytics (Arl FSS Liaison – Christina, Debbie)
 - Will leverage ESRI, combine crash data, near miss data, perhaps streetlight data. Be available on a mobile app, share as appropriate with police, Vision Zero and others.
 - Looked at NYC crash mapper example
 - Vision Zero has hired a database specialist, they will look at potential features to integrate. Important to designate districts, so that people know to whom to direct safety concerns.
- Near Miss Data Advocacy Group (Arl FSS Liaison – Gillian, Debbie)

❖ **New Business**

➤ **2021 Calendar Development - [see Google Doc](#)**

- Gillian leading development of an integrated calendar, with topics/themes for each month + monthly meetings, according to what is coming up. Also a listing of other groups with which we should coordinate.
 - Regarding Arlington Co budget cycle, need to be ready to engage and inform County re: Arl FSS priorities, perhaps in coordination with other groups above (both operational and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds). Develop business case for Vision Zero, ROI/savings/health benefits (Debbie/Michelle to speak with Rails to Trails contact Torsha on economic valuation of health benefits of safe streets, active

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transportation.

- **Street safety educational programs for adults and students**
 - Recruit volunteers for content development through Volunteer Arlington (Michelle registered Arl FSS through their site and will now add volunteer opportunities/profiles shared by Mike. Met with ED Lisa Fikes 12/14 and she is very excited about the new partnership - would like to keep in close contact as we proceed. Mentioned skilled volunteers, “voluntweeters,” DIY projects (e.g. graphic novel-esque educational content, advocacy postcards) and Points of Light “Listen and Learn” educational opportunity)
 - Need to decide whether we can be ready in time for the MLK day of service -- leverage walk audit content from ShareVa Roads. Lisa is open to us jumping in if we can organize quickly.
 - Gillian working with Rick Holt from GMU on active transportation curriculum for pre K - 12. We’ll look into Alexandria’s interactive program for elementary and think about Marymount Ed program.

❖ Upcoming Events

- Next Arl FSS Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the Month, Jan 12th
- Sister AFSS Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the Month, Dec 15th
- Sister Ffx FSS Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the Month, Dec 17th