

Arlington's Families for Safe Streets ("Arl FSS") Advisory Committee

23 June 2021: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Introductions – 10 people in attendance (Gillian Burgess, Mike Doyle, Gina Hoffman, Cristina Burbach, Ruth Shearer, David Cheek, Christine Baker, Behnaz Raouf, Officer JP Montoya, Alistair Watson)

Discussion Topics

- Guest Speaker: Ofc. JP Montoya of ACPD's Community Outreach Team
 - Arl FSS is interested in building a relationship with the ACPD.
 - Ofc. Montoya joins us for the first time to answer questions. Provided some tips for preventing crashes.
 - All crashes are preventable. We need to make sure that we are obeying traffic laws and staying aware of our surroundings.
 - Can be reached at jmontoya@arlingtonva.us
 - Mike Doyle: We would like to continue the conversation with JP Montoya in a private conversation to discuss in more detail about the mission of Arl FSS, the issue of "victim blaming" and share the Near Miss survey data that may be helpful to ACPD in identifying egregious driver behavior patterns before someone is run over.
 - Discussion on Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) implementation
 - Arl FSS is interested in advocating for ASE in Arlington.
 - Christine Baker (VZ) – Step 1 is integrating state code into County code. Cost estimation is required. Step 2 is procurement of a vendor who can do the speed cameras. We will likely see ASE in 2022.
 - Mike Doyle – we are interested in the data associated with speed camera efficacy and hope that ASE data can be collected in the fall of 2021 so that information can be used to help in Arl FSS / NoVA FSS's advocacy for ASE implementation, at the discretion of the jurisdiction, in the GA session of 2022
 - Discussion on adding red light cameras in Arlington
 - Christine Baker (VZ) – Arlington currently has 9 red light cameras but is allowed to have around 29. Seven more locations are currently under review.
- Vision Zero: Update on progress
 - [Arlington County Board recently adopted an action plan for VZ](#). Work has started on the action plan. The biggest movement so far is on the capital improvement budget (discussed in last agenda item).
 - Christine Baker (VZ Project Manager): There is a lot of internal work in progress. The 2020 annual report is almost complete. There were 1,000 fewer crashes in 2020 than previous years. The VZ team is analyzing data to identify hot spots, working on school zone guideline updates, creating slow zones around schools, creating a toolbox, creating a newsletter ([sign up here](#)). There will be public engagement on the toolbox in the fall.
- NoVA FSS's new Near Miss/Dangerous Location survey:
 - The [survey can be found online](#) & this [video](#) explains how users can complete the survey.
 - Please use the survey to report near misses. It asks for a lot of data about the circumstances of the near miss. This data will be used to identify trends and dangerous areas. Reasons for near misses and dangerous locations may include not enough time to cross a street, speeding, blocked bike lane, etc.

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- o Outreach plan
 - More data will help with the data analytics. How do we spread the word about the survey?
 - Gillian Burgess: Arlington has a great network of civic associations and civic-minded groups. Arl FSS could go on a road show to show off the survey. Since many groups take the summer off, this is a good time to plan.
 - Mike Doyle: Promote the survey within our own networks. Many of the recent data points we've received in the survey indicate that people are hearing about the survey through Next Door and social media.
 - Arl FSS is looking for volunteers to help start organizing the outreach efforts. Please email contct@novafss.org if you are interested.
- Volunteer Opportunities with Arl FSS
 - o Discussion postponed until Michelle Bridges joins the next meeting.
- Arlington's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan
 - o The Capital Improvement Plan is Arlington's plan for how it will spend money on capital (buildings, roads, trails, investments in infrastructure, etc.). The proposed plan is a three-year plan and does not include much funding for Vision Zero.
 - o [Sustainable Mobility for Arlington County has a proposal to improve the transportation portion](#). Recommendations include:
 - Fund Vision Zero
 - Speed up our Transit
 - A Safe Route to Every School
 - Build out the Bike Network for All-Ages and Abilities
 - Expand & Connect the Trail Network
 - o Gillian Burgess: Motion for Arlington Families for Safe Streets to sign on to Sustainable Mobility for Arlington County's recommendations. Seconded by Cristina Burach.
 - All voted in favor of the motion. Arlington Families for Safe Streets agrees to endorse the recommendations.
- The 2021 Vision Zero Summit, hosted by WABA, is on Thursday, June 24. There is a session during the summit with representatives from NoVA Families for Safe Streets, DC Families for Safe Streets, and Montgomery County Families for Safe Streets.

Other projects/meetings of interest:

- Capital Improvement Plan: County Board [hearing June 29 \(testify in person or via telephone\)](#)
- Route 1:
 - o [VDOT is still working on the Rte 1 study](#)
 - o [The citizen-led Livability 22202 has a working group](#)
 - o [The National Landing BID has a related campaign](#)
- Crystal City bike plan: [new survey open now](#) until July 9
- [15th Street South between Clark & Bell](#): survey open now until July 9

Upcoming Events

- Fairfax FSS Meeting – 2nd Mon of the Month, July 12, 2021, 6:30-8:00
- AFSS Meeting – the 3rd Tuesday of the Month, July 20, 2021, 6:30-8:00
- Arl FSS Meeting – 4th Wed of the Month (skipped for July), August 25, 2021, 6:30-8:00