

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

25 August 2021: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Location: Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Introductions – 6 people in attendance (Mike Doyle, Cristina Burbach, Bayley Vanderpoel, Alistair Watson, Gina Hoffman, Mary Dallao)

Discussion Topics

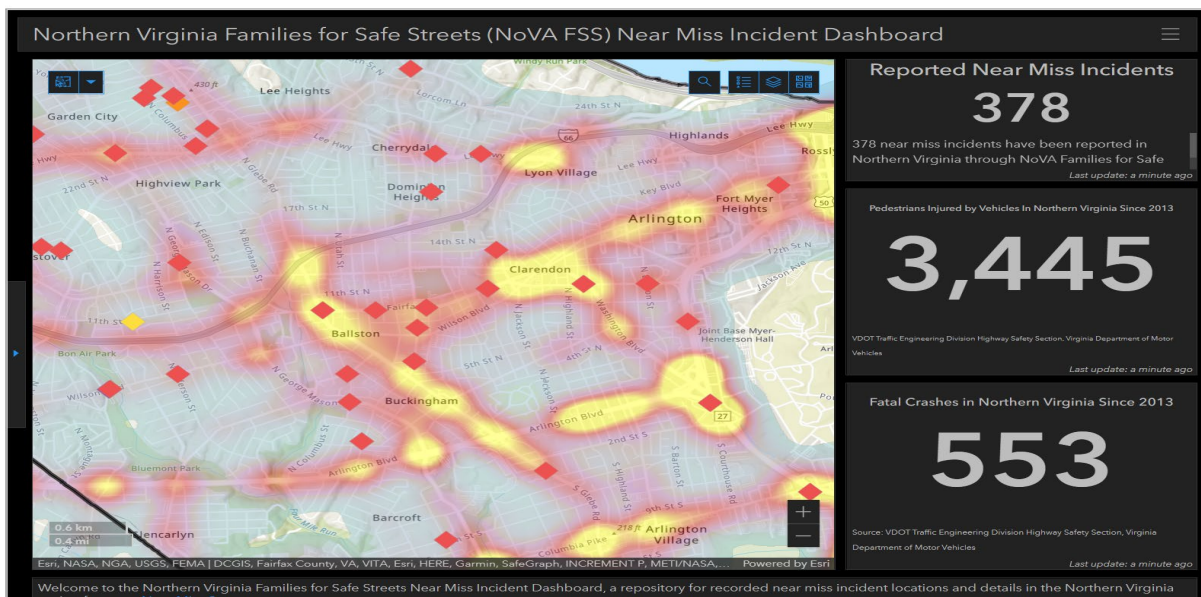
- **Update on the National Landing** and the "People Before Cars Coalition" effort.
 - <https://nationallanding.org/people-before-cars-coalition>
 - The National Landing Business Improvement District (BID) launched the "People Before Cars" Coalition to unite organizations that share the common priority to create a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists in National Landing. The coalition includes the National Landing BID, Arlington Families for Safe Streets, JBG Smith, Sustainable Mobility for Arlington County, and WABA. Gillian is our representative for this coalition.
 - This is an example of a local issue that is important to discuss in conversations with gubernatorial candidates in anticipation of the upcoming election. We want to make sure that whoever is elected understands the challenge of working with VDOT on local transportation issues. In our opinion, VDOT's level of service is not the right solution for an urban environment. NoVA FSS has connected with McAuliffe and plans to reach out to Youngkin. The National Landing project, among other major road design projects in Northern Virginia, will be a good example to use in any discussions with the candidates.
- **Near Miss Survey results for June & July**, the inaugural two months of the survey in Arlington. Below is a copy of the real time NM map using the Esri platform



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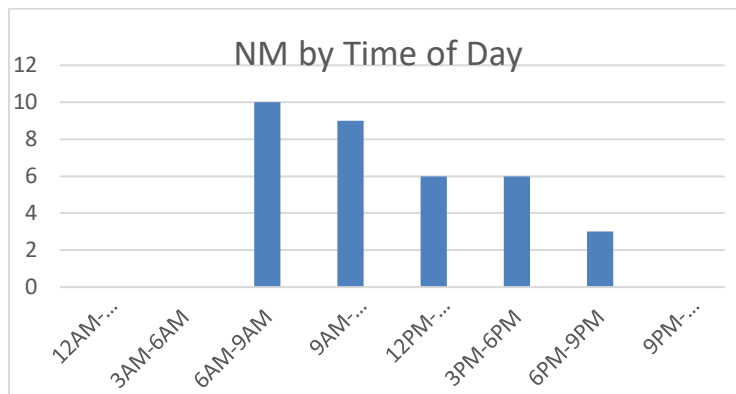
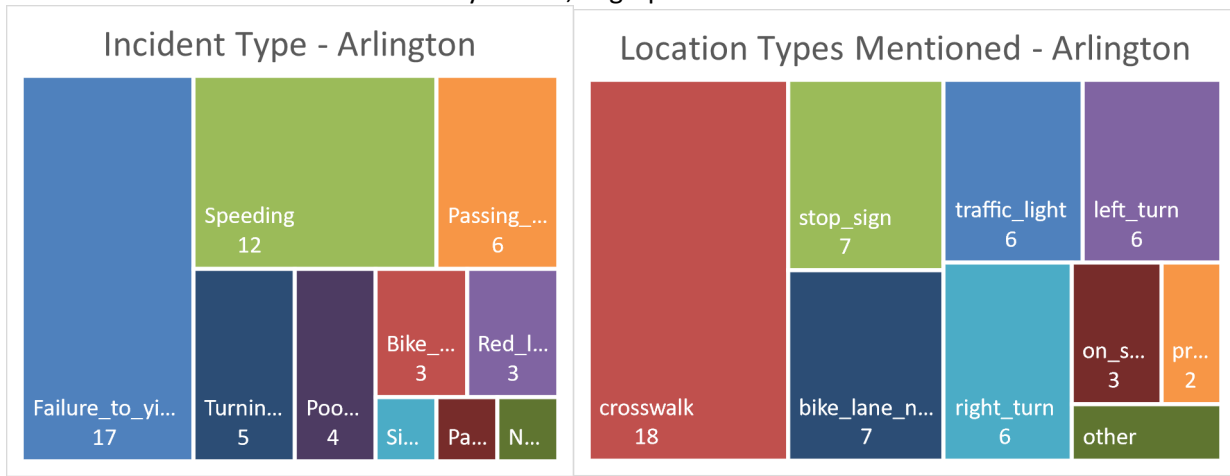
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- <https://arl.novasafeststreets.org/near-miss-and-dangerous-intersection-survey/>
- The NM survey takes data points from reported incidents and maps them against a heatmap of crash data from TRENDS.
- This data will be used to run analytics and anticipate potential crash sites. The data will also be shared to Arlington Police Department and the County's TES – Vision Zero staff with the hope that they can use the data to help mitigate problem areas.
- Although we don't have enough data points for full statistical analysis, it appears that most reported incidents occur during rush hour (AM and PM), and most were due to a driver failing to yield to pedestrians or speeding.
- Here are some of the early results, in graphic form.



- The data will be essential in advocacy efforts to support lowering speed limits in areas where there are near miss incidents.
 - The Arlington County Board recently voted to lower speed limits on 7 street segments, thanks in (small) part to our advocacy! Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen!
- We will also be advocating for ASE (Automated Speed Enforcement) as long as it is implemented equitably.
- Mary – Are there any NM reported incidents on Carlin Springs Road? There was a pilot program to reduce speed and driving space on this road. However, the County ended the pilot early b/c of driver push back.
 - There are no incidents reported on Carling Springs yet. Let's share the survey with nearby neighborhood associations to help us collect more data.

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- **Plans for this fall's public outreach schedule** regarding street safety educational material at Farmers Markets and other public venues
 - We have 3x5 cards that feature the Near Miss survey and a QR code that links to the survey to distribute at public outreach events.
 - Potential outreach events: farmers markets, blinking light giveaways at trails or in neighborhoods around Halloween through December. We missed a good outreach opportunity this year by not attending the Arlington County Fair, but we should plan on being at the Fair next year.
 - Suggested Farmers' Market: the Court House, Ballston, Columbia Pike, Cherrydale, Shirlington, other locations?
 - Please share any other ideas you may have regarding where we can do public outreach activities. Also, if you are interested in volunteering at an event, please contact mgbrydges@yahoo.com or tatianna_86@yahoo.com.
- **Upcoming meetings with Arlington County Police Department and Arlington County Vision Zero Manager in DES** to discuss how we can best cooperate with the County on the Near Miss real time, crowd sourcing survey data.
 - We will be meeting with Arlington Chief of Police on Friday and Christine Baker, project manager for Vision Zero in Arlington, on Thursday to discuss the Near Miss survey and how the data provided in the survey can be helpful to the County.
 - Please let Mike Doyle or Gillian Burgess know if you would like to join us with APD and DES in future discussions.
 - In a recent meeting with the Fairfax Police Department, they provided feedback that it is important for us to highlight recent incidents versus locations that are chronically dangerous so that they can respond to the more recent incidents as a top priority.
- **Other**
 - We are applying for a TPB grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. NoVA FSS / Ffx FSS is partnering with Street simplified (who won the Fairfax County Innovation challenge grant) in a Fairfax study b/c they have a similar approach as our Near Miss survey to spot near misses and dangerous locations. Street simplified Near Miss app uses cameras at intersections to gather data and then run mega-data analytics. Street simplified will also use our NM survey data as part of their analytics. We will mention the Street simplified relationship in our TPB grant application.
 - **We are proposing a change in the monthly Arl FSS meeting schedule** and moving meetings **to the fourth Tuesday of each month**. The next meeting will be on Sept 28th.

Upcoming Events

- Fairfax FSS Meeting – 2nd Mon of the Month, September 13, 2021
- AFSS Meeting – the 3rd Tuesday of the Month, September 21, 2021
- Arl FSS Meeting – new date_ the 4th Tuesday of the Month, September 28, 2021