

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

26 October 2021: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

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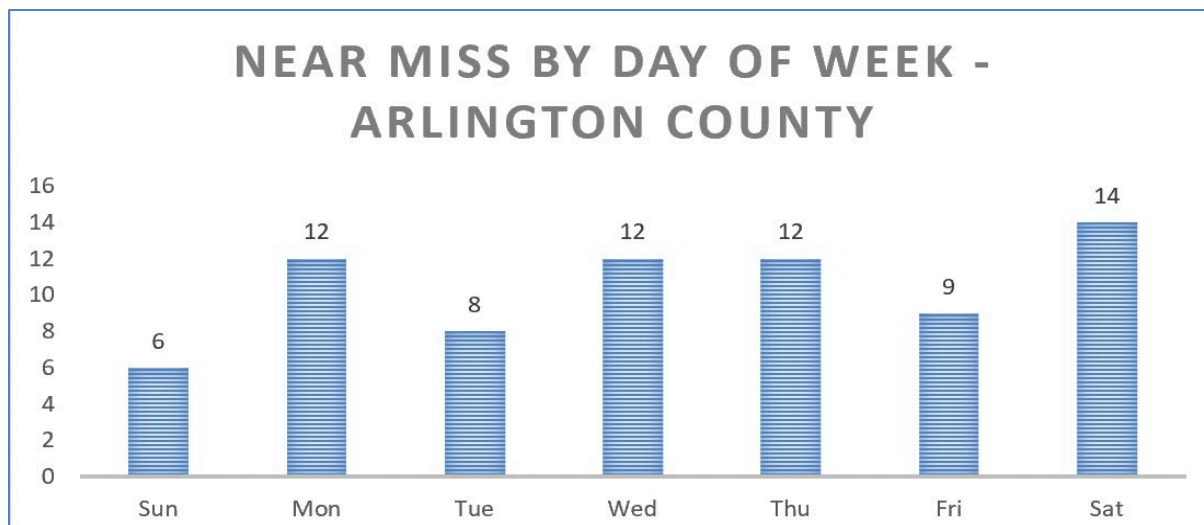
Meeting Minutes

Introductions – 12 people in attendance Ed Hazelwood, Bayley Vanderpoel, Alistair Watson, Ruth Shearer, Christy Kwan, Lucas Heneman, Michelle Brydges, Hannah Neagle, Dave Cheek, Matt Jones, Jane Terry, Mike Doyle

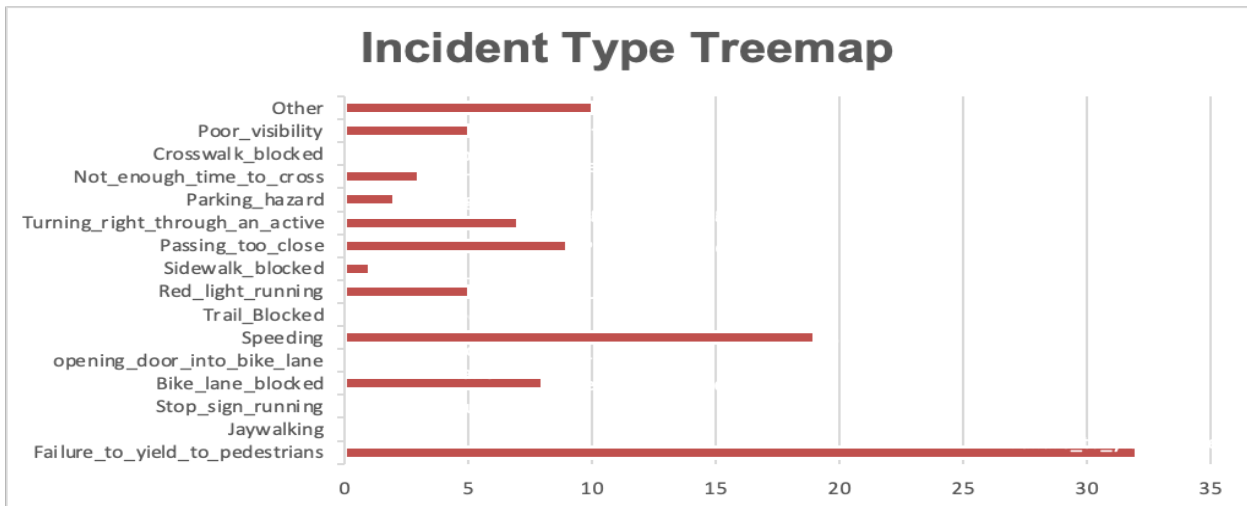
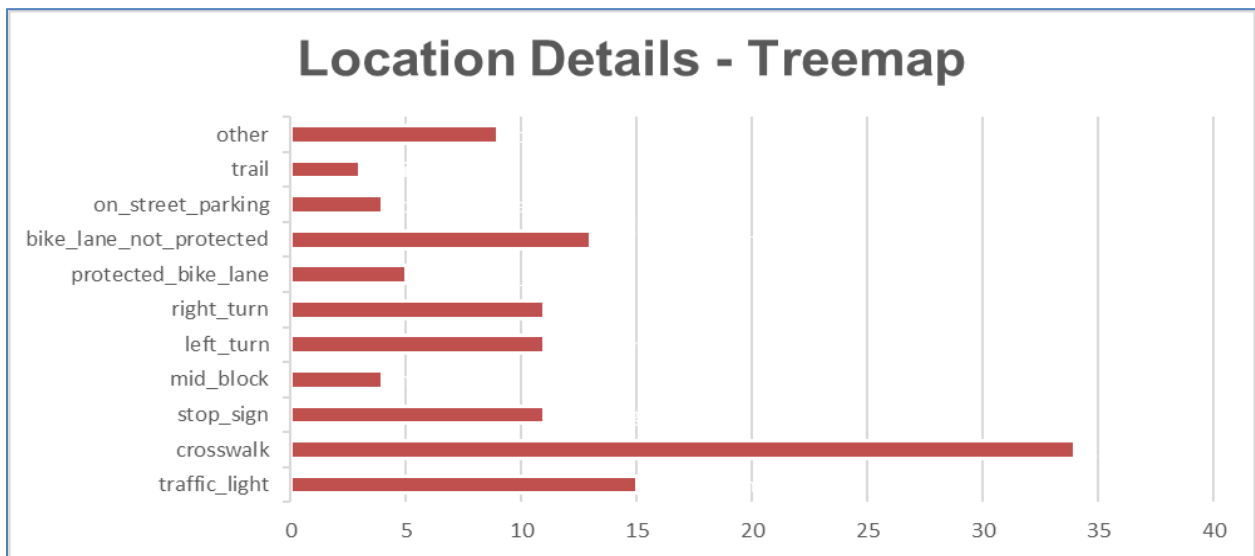
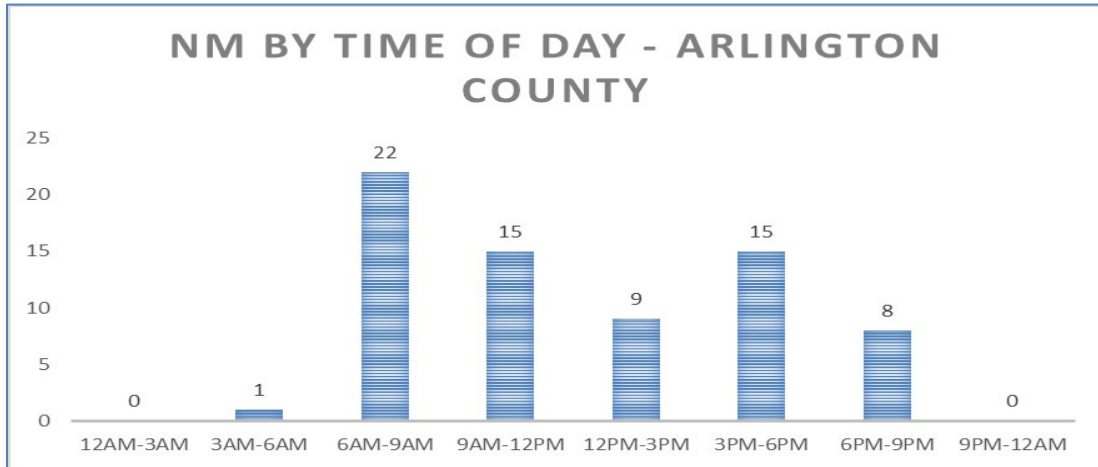
Discussion Topics

1. Update on DES's Proposed School Slow Zones – hearing on Nov 13 at County Board
2. Update on the National Landing / "People Before Cars Coalition" effort
 - [the Coalition had sent this letter to VDOT on Route 1](#), and now drafting on a letter on [the Pentagon City Planning Study](#) - comments are due on that on Sunday 10/31.
3. Near Miss Survey results June through mid-Oct 2021: data latest trends
 - ArlFSS registered 74 Near Miss survey entries from 1 June to 13 October 2021. On average, the chapter receives 16 entries per month.
 - ArlFSS receives more interest from the cycling community than pedestrians. 58% of respondents identified as cyclists, while 31% of survey respondents were pedestrians. Most survey entries (82%) were reporting about a driver.
 - Accordingly, most respondents (45%) claim they have heard of the Near-Miss survey from BikeArlington social media groups. The second most frequent means, at 33% of respondents, came from local news and media. Three-fourths of those from local news and media came from ArlNOW.
 - 43% of respondents expressed that they were willing to be contacted by authorities for more information of their near-miss survey entry. Two-thirds of respondents provided additional details of their incidents.

Arl FSS Survey Findings (Date Range: 1 June – 13 October 2021)



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4. Update on NoVA FSS's Near Miss TPB grant application
 - Near Miss Grant application sponsored by Alexandria (both T&ES and APD letters of support plus City Council support) and letters of support from Fairfax County (Chairman of the Board of Supervisors + a District Supervisory). Disappointingly, Arlington County staff declined to send letter of support.
 - We need to improve DES's understanding of what the NM survey can do.
5. GMU – Prof Edmund Zolnik – Prof Zolnik has published several papers about traffic crash histories and thinks the NM data set could be enlightening. Ed wants to explore working with NoVA FSS on developing correlation analytics between TREDIS and NM data.
 - Jane Terry referred to National Safety Council studies including comments about considering data like NoVA FSS's Near Miss report as a "leading indicator." One of the NSC documents says **"Safety leading indicators are proactive measures that measure prevention efforts and can be observed and recorded prior to an injury. As opposed, safety lagging indicators are reactive measures that track only negative outcomes, such as an injury once it has already occurred."**
6. Plans for public outreach schedule regarding street safety events to promote street safety. 3-way blinkers + Near Miss 3x5 cards w/QR code
 - Farmers Markets: potential locations; Alistair suggested Columbia Pike and Pentagon City; Ed suggested Ballston's FM and the Monday after hour time change to Standard Time where Arl FSS members could setup stands at certain bike lanes
 - Email newsletters – include several latest ideas like update on Congressional Zero Traffic Fatalities co-sponsorship from Warner, Kaine and Beyer
 - PTA connections – recently sent letter to President of the County Council of PTAs (CCPTA) introducing Arl FSS and the NM survey app
 - Civic associations – Alistair suggested Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF)
 - National Landing – Mat will connect us to NL events: NM cards/blinker distribution
 - Other distribution points could be libraries, running stores & bike shops
 - World Day of Remembrance (WDoR) – Sunday, Nov 21, 2021
 - Should we try to hold a WDoR event this year?
 - Discussed idea of event with white shoes to represent traffic violence, maybe joint Alexandria / Arlington event in Arlandria.
 - Another idea is a virtual event
7. Traffic regulation advocacy
 - Regulatory issues for GA 2022:
 - Contributory Negligence and Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE)
 - Advocate for a State Wide VZ program
 - But Virginia already has a "Towards Zero Deaths" plan so we need to understand the difference between VZ and Towards Zero Deaths

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- Note: Towards Zero Death is US DOT mandated policy. VDOT has written a less than robust set of aspirations. Thus a detailed VZ plan for the State of Virginia is recommended.
 - Congressional issue – Nationwide Zero Traffic Fatalities resolution
 - Senators Warner & Kaine plus Rep. Don Beyer - also, Rep Beyer helped NoVA FSS send invitation to President Joe Biden for WDoR event in D.C.
8. Arlington FSS needs you!
- Seeking Board candidates to help improve street safety on our roads.
9. Upcoming Events
- WDoR (if held) – Sunday, Nov 21st
 - Next Arl FSS Meeting – **New Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021**
 - Because of Thanksgiving we decided to move Arl FSS meeting to Tuesday, Dec 7th to bridge Nov and December months into one meeting. Normal schedule of the 4th Tuesday of the month will resume in January 2022, i.e. January 25, 2022.