

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

23 March 2022: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

*Location:* Zoom

## **Meeting Minutes**

Introductions – 6 people in attendance

### Guest Speaker

1. Arlington County's Vision Zero Safer Roads Campaign
  - Christine Baker of DES talked about the County's plan to roll out a "Vision Zero" focused street safety campaign through social media as well as distributing flyers and post cards carry messages of street safety tips for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and all vulnerable road users.
  - Timing of the campaign will be the latter part of April into May and then again in the fall of this year, around Nov/Dec.
  - Arl FSS has offered to help supplement the County's "Safer Roads " campaign by supplementing distribution of the post cards to communities that the County may not be able to get to right away.
  - A discussion followed about how best to reach members of the underserved communities in the County. One tip was to offer snacks a "pop up events" and/or set up a station near a popular food truck.
    - A challenge right now for Arl FSS and all of our affiliated chapters in NoVA FSS is the lack of multiple language capabilities. We recently had the Near Miss survey translated into Spanish, but we still need to translate the mobile version of the NM survey into Spanish

Note: Arl FSS welcomes volunteers to help us distribute the County VZ Safer Road literature as well as our own Near Miss survey post cards which has a QR code. If interested, please contact us at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044da4a92ea20-nova>

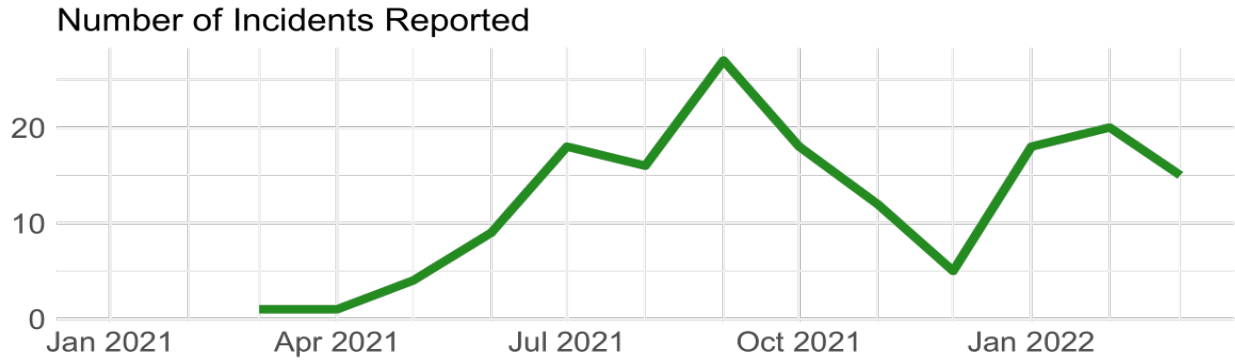
### Old Business

2. Development of the plan to improve Arl FSS's outreach
  - We will print a new batch of post cards, some of which will be in Spanish, to be able to distribute throughout relevant neighborhoods in the community. Non-app users and non-English languages?
  - Another idea is to create a large street map of the County on a hard board poster to draw peoples' attention to our table / booth
    - The large street map allows people to mark the intersection they deem dangerous and initiates discussion of the NM survey and its benefits

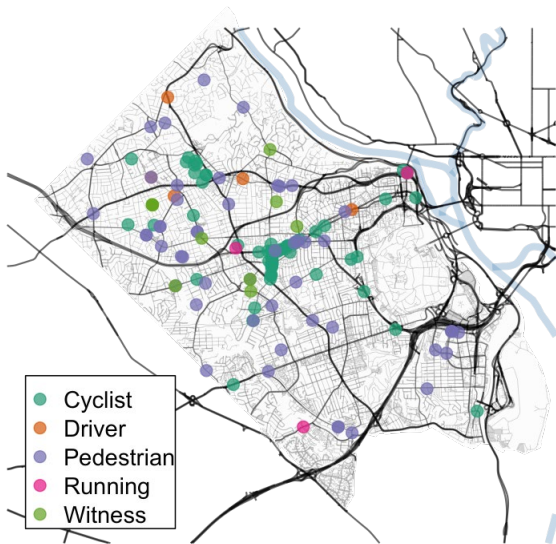
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## 3. Near Miss Survey results update – Lucas Henneman

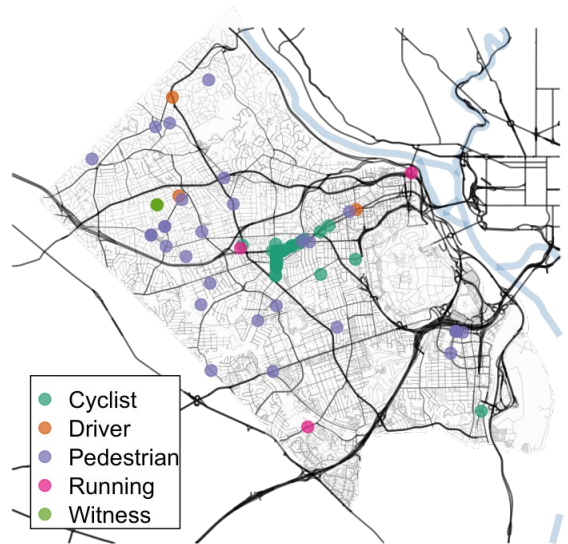
### Reported incidents by month



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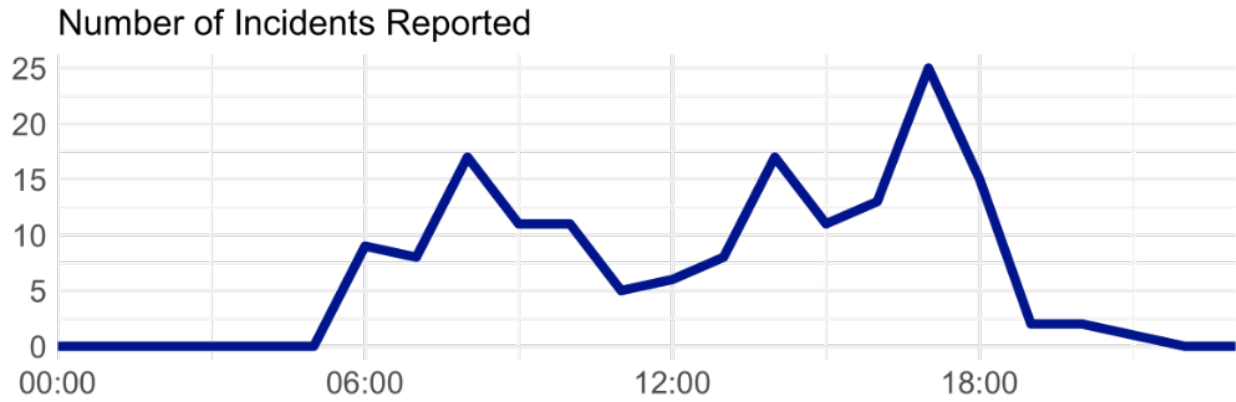


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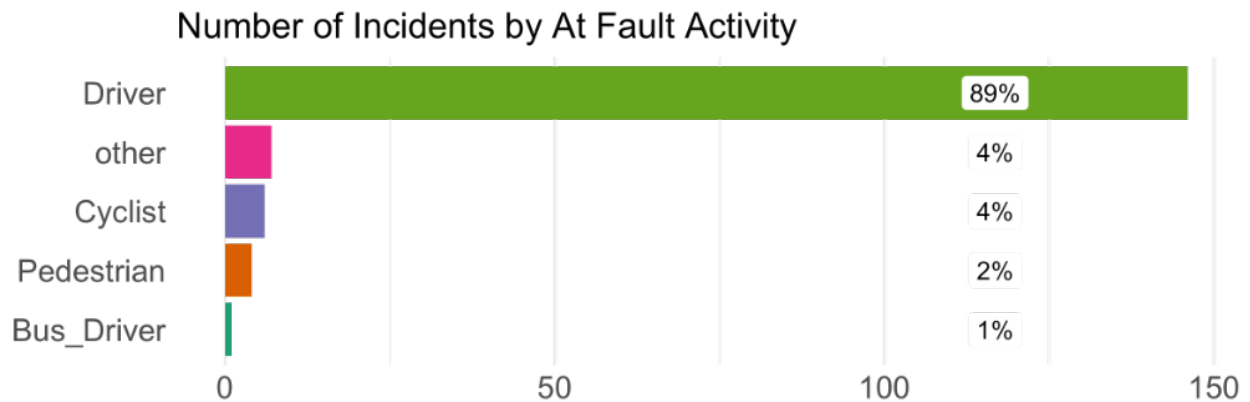


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Reported incidents by time, all time

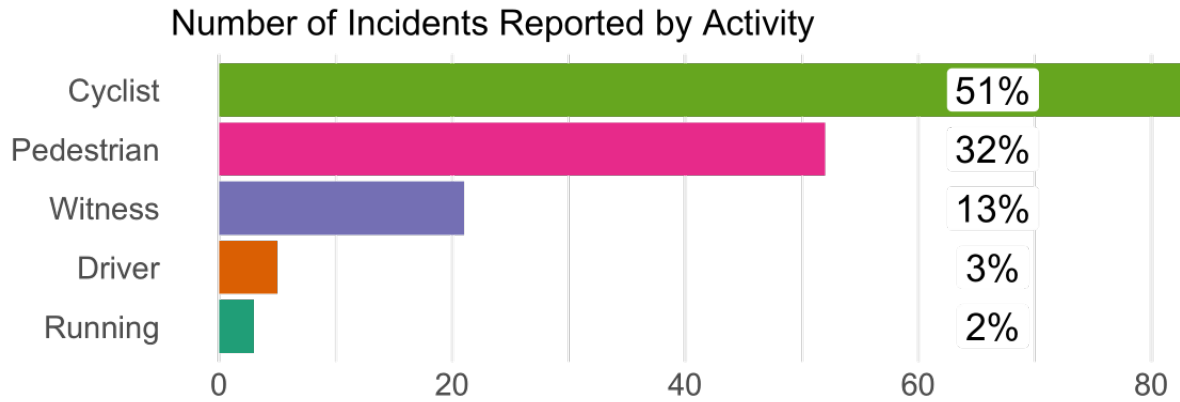


Drivers are overwhelmingly reported as at fault

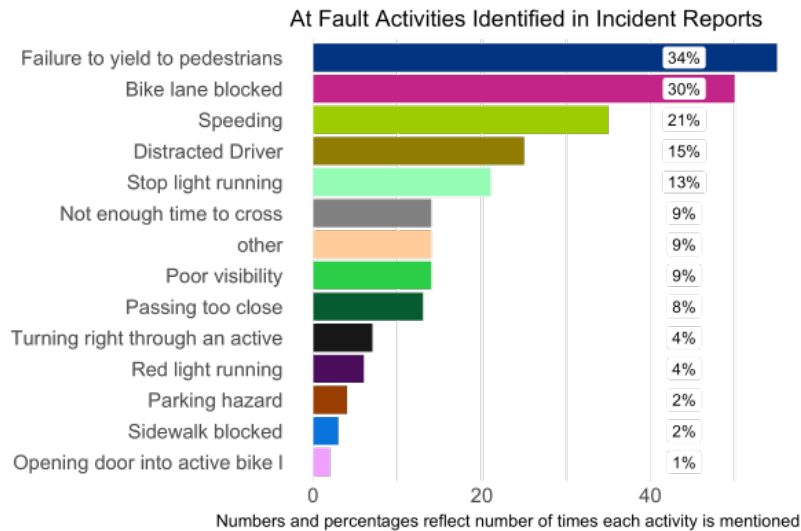


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What are people doing when they report a near miss?

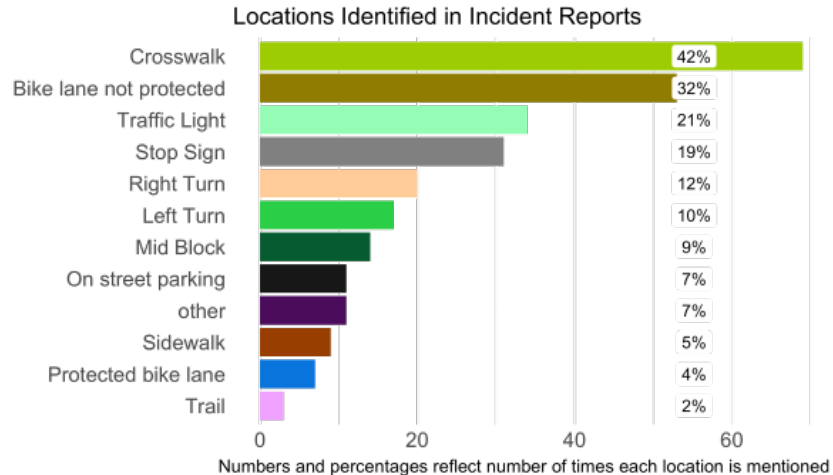


Which activities do people report?



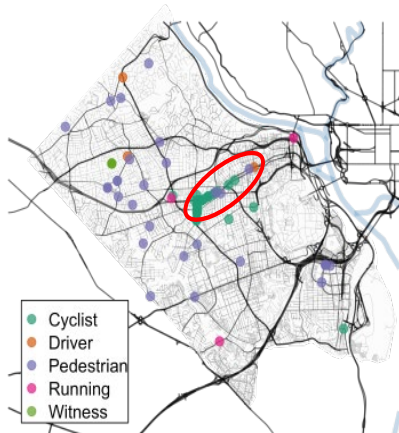
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Crosswalks, intersections, and bike lanes are the most dangerous locations



## Reports from Ballston-Roslyn corridor

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### Courthouse:

- [Wilson & Veitch] Driver reporting driver for failure to yield to pedestrians
- [Wilson & 13<sup>th</sup> Ct] Walker reporting driver for failure to yield: "I contacted DESTEO about this and basically they said that all treatments consistent with arterials had already been applied at this location. But I was within a yard of getting hit by a speeding SUV, so their position seems VZ incompatible."

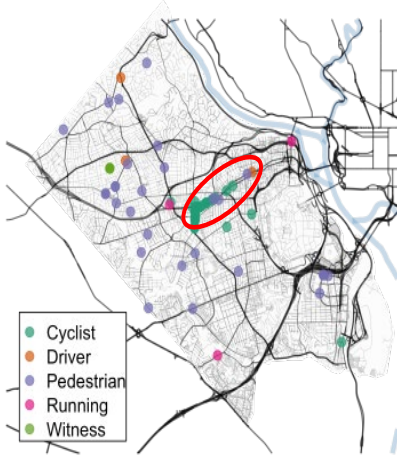
### Clarendon

- [Clarendon & Filmore] Biker reporting driver for bike lane blocked, passing too close: "With a car stopped in front of it in the right side driving lane, the car behind went into the bike lane to go around without checking. The nearest of missed collision."
- [Clarendon & Washington] Biker reporting car in bike lane (several reports, with pictures)
- [Wilson & 10<sup>th</sup>] Walker reporting driver for right turn on red through an active crosswalk: "It has happened more than once. Cars are looking at cars coming from the left and disregard pedestrians crossing on green on the crosswalk. They are fast on the turn as well."
- [Fairfax & Kenmore] Walker reporting drivers for turning through active crosswalk: "Several cars failed to stop for people in crosswalk. No protected medium so cars came very close to pedestrians. This happens every day in both directions but worst from cars westbound on Fairfax.."

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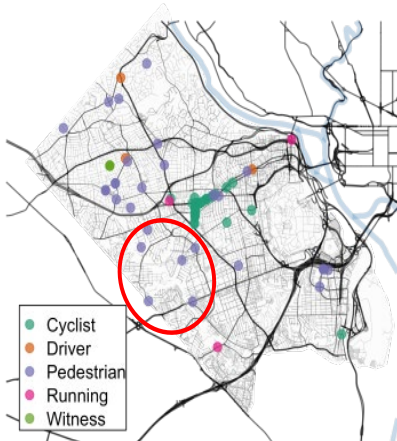


#### Ballston:

- Throughout Ballston, especially along N Fairfax and Quincy St many reports of bike lanes blocked by cars, service trucks, car doors, snow, and buses. Many of these posts are by a single poster, and photos are included
- [11<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Glebe Rd ]: pedestrian reporting driver proceeding without looking: "Driver pulled out from a parking spot when an 8 year old cyclist was beside him in the traffic lane, nearly hitting the 8 year old."
- [11<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Glebe Rd ]: runner reporting driver running stop sign: "Driver wasn't planning on stopping at stop sign (they did when their bumper nearly hit my shin)"

### Reports from Barcroft and surrounding:

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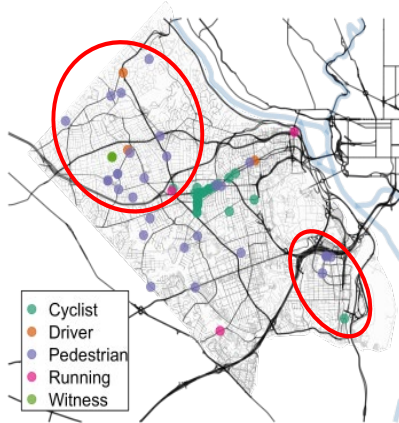
- [Arlington Blvd & N Henderson Rd ]: Pedestrian reporting street conditions: "Crosswalk button on South East corner of intersection does not work, No walk sign, not enough time to cross. Also there is no protected way to get to crosswalk button."
- [George Mason Dr & 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd]: Pedestrian reporting parking conditions: "Entire row of cars parked on sidewalk. Occurs daily."
- [Columbia Pike & S Buchanan St]: Pedestrian reporting driver for not yielding at crosswalk
- [Cartlin Springs Rd & Ardley Ct]: Pedestrian reporting driver: "Driver on Carlin Springs Rd had red light but stopped in crosswalk while people were in it crossing Carlin Springs Rd with a Walk sign."

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### Reports from other areas

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More to come next month...



### New Business

5. Help Wanted for an Executive Assistant to support the Arl FSS Board. Hours somewhere between 4 to 6 hours per month
6. Topics for Quarterly Arl FSS / NoVA FSS Newsletter – Michelle Brydges
  - First part will be regional NoVA FSS news such as updated on street safety advocacy efforts with the State's General Assembly
  - Next, chapter news such as Arl FSS programs and activities
  - We hope to have the Newsletter published by early April
7. Arlington County's VZ Safety Benchmark Feedback Form by 3/28
  - Please complete [this 9-question form](#) to share your experiences!

### Upcoming Events

- **Next Arl FSS Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the Month, April 27, 2022**
  - Maybe in person with an outdoor venue. Where?