

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
3 October 2016 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201
Approved by the BAC – 5 December 2016

Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Dana Bres, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Randy Swart

David Goodman, David Patton, Erin Potter, Kevin Stalica

Call to Order; Introductions; Minutes for August 2016 were not available at the time of the meeting.

Follow up on Quincy Street Protected Bike Lanes

Gillian Burgess reported that the September 2016 off-site meeting was very good and that Arlington County staff had a public meeting at Washington-Lee HS to provide information. Gillian Burgess indicated that the County Board had expressed support for a PBL along Quincy. She indicated that the plans presented seemed to favor traffic lanes that would be wider than the minimum.

The Arlington County plan would result in a loss of about a third of the parking spaces, analysis of the utilization suggested that there would be no reduction in the paid parking spaces (the number of unused parking spaces would be reduced but some would still exist). The parking assessment did not seem to consider the side streets and the periods when the parking is free.

The width of Quincy along Mosaic Park south of Wilson is presently inadequate for parking and PBL. As part of the Mosaic Park rebuild, the curb and gutter will need to be replaced. By moving the curb and gutter, the width would be able to be increased to accommodate PBL. David Goodman said that Mosaic Park designs assumed that the reconstructed park would attract more motorists, so existing parking use might not be indicative of the future situation. Steve Offutt asked if the analysis was using some dynamic scoring process, where the bike/auto distribution would depend on the mode of transit. David Goodman suggested that the BAC look for creative ways to install PBL that minimizes the impact on parking spaces. He said that taking parking spaces would bump up on considerable public perception issues.

Gillian Burgess said that the long-term plan was to accommodate bicycles from Quincy at the Custis Trail to about Glebe.

David Goodman said that the amount of roadway width was inadequate to provide for all uses. He said that the roadway was 49 feet wide (curb to curb) and that the park side had a 6 foot tree area and an eight foot sidewalk. You need 47 feet width to provide bike lane (6 feet), buffer (3 feet), parking (7 feet), 2 travel lanes (11 feet each), buffer (3 feet) and the bike lane (6 feet). To add an additional parking lane, you need to

add 5 feet to the curb to curb width. Given that the design of the park is largely complete, there is a strong likelihood of pushback from DPR.

Steve Offutt suggested that the BAC advise the Arlington County Manager that the design needed to be better integrated with the PBL improvements along Quincy. Gillian Burgess said that we should look at a strategy that won't have to be "corrected" in just a few years. The conclusion was that Gillian Burgess would call Department of Parks and Recreation (Lisa) and the BAC would send a letter to the County Manager. The expectation that Parks will push back by claiming that the designs are all complete and there is no flexibility in the design. David Goodman said that it is unknown what the costs (funds and time) associated with moving the curb. There was some discussion of identifying strategies that don't sacrifice as much parking so this effort does not become a bikes vs. cars. Some BAC members expressed concern about the lack of engagement by the DPR project staff in the project scoping.

David Goodman suggested that the cost of the desired modifications were unknown at this time.

Eric Goodman suggested that the redesign would be cheaper than reconstructing the sidewalks and tree buffer at some point in the future.

The problem seems to be the fact that Quincy had not been designated as a primary bicycle route in the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan. There was a question about whether Quincy had been designated a low stress area in the larger planning efforts.

Gillian Burgess asked about there was a possibility for temporary PBL between 9th and Fairfax, particularly part of the MOT for the Carpool redevelopment. David Goodman indicated he didn't know but thought the area might be used for construction staging.

On Quincy between I66 and 15th, the staff is looking at striping at the intersection of Quincy and the Custis Trail, including a refuge island.

Other topics

Gillian Burgess asked about the cost of removing nubs. David Goodman said that removing a nub would be \$5-10K (ballpark) if there was no impact to drainage infrastructure and about double that if there were impacts to drainage infrastructure. He said that if the nub was shown in a site plan, it may need County Board approval.

Maintenance of Arlington trails

There are a few projects starting in the next few weeks. Repaving will be starting at Bluemont Park, Madison Manor, and then the spur at 18th and McKinley.

Kevin Stalica indicated he was given a trails maintenance budget. It was:

- \$25K for mowing and trash
- \$30K for striping (Custis then to Bluemont Junction)
- \$40K for vegetation control
- \$20K for chemical vegetation control
- \$26K for equipment replacement

Kevin indicated that he had a fairly small amount for spot repairs. Larger sections of trail reconstruction will be funded under the capital improvement program.

Steve Offutt asked Trails to follow the FHWA guidance regarding bollards. FHWA suggests bollards only be used following a history of encroachment. Kevin indicated that some trail entrances would be protected by a flex post. He said that Arlington has experienced some past encroachment. Kevin said that they would use bollards when alternatives hadn't worked but he wasn't aware if such an analysis had been done for some of the bollards that currently exist.

Kevin Stalica suggested that he would check on the status of the work around the Ballston Beaver Pond.

There was some discussion of the potential strategies to address the undulation on the Custis. Kevin Stalica said that the report from the consultant was not yet back. The consultant had asked for some clarifying details which has delayed the report. Kevin Stalica discussed potential funding sources (likely CIP) for repairs of the undulation but said that they wouldn't know how much funding would be required until the report was complete. Gillian Burgess expressed concern that the repairs would be a serious hit to the trails CIP.

DPR would be able to clear the FMR detour upon execution of a MOU with Alexandria. He suggested that they had the equipment to clear the Mt Vernon Ave bridge sidewalk.

Kevin Stalica suggested cyclists were not using the trails email (trails@arlingtonva.us) to report issues. He said that he only gets a few emails to that box each month.

FY2018 Budget priorities

Kevin Stalica said that within the trail maintenance budget, there was some ability to shift funding between lines. He said that he would ask to get information on the DPR cap budget. Gillian Burgess suggested getting a presentation from somebody in the DPR projects planning office.

He indicated that trail reconstruction that are in the DPR Capital Improvement effort would be comprehensive (down to the subbase).

David Goodman indicated that he was starting to work on the FY18 budget but didn't have many details. He said that the MTP update was still in flux.

Gillian Burgess said that there seemed to be significant delays in a number of projects. She suggested that some projects were lacking the staff to bring the project to completion; some were stalled because, although small, lacked funding; and the county desire to implement project management controls. David Goodman said that there might be some value in looking at more streamlined management of “tactical” projects as opposed to the management of larger projects. Gillian Burgess suggested that we should look at demonstration projects as a way to accelerate some projects.

Arlington County Staff Updates

Projects

Lee and Lynn – some movement of infrastructure. The utility pole at the NE corner of Lynn/Lee will be removed by the Spring of 2017.

The Washington Blvd bike trail is moving forward

They will upgrade Boundary Channel Drive traffic circles

Long term project to reconstruct the CSX RR bridge. David Goodman said that they are working to get the bike trail from Long Bridge Park across the GWMP to connect to the MVT.

David Goodman reported that VDOT wanted to construct a bridge over Lee Highway for the Custis Trail.

Extending the 11th and 12th Street Bike Boulevards to the east to connect to the H-B and Army Navy CC. Arlington County is working to negotiate easements through some apartment buildings.

PBL on Wilson Blvd. Striping will be happening in the next 60 days.

BikeArlington (Erin – Submitted in advance)

August and September Happenings

Happened

- *County Fair—Once again an awesome opportunity to reach a bunch of people in Arlington. Huge thank-you to all the volunteers. You helped us reach more than 3,000 folks!*
- *Bike Education*
- *Two Learn to Rides*
- *One City Cycling*
- *Arlington Passages*
 - *Henry Dunbar presented Arlington Passages at NACTO*

- Picked up the Juried Prize at the BikeShorts Film Festival, adding to its existing accolades
- Also being screened at a Film Fest in Perth, Australia.
- WalkArlington- new Program Manager, Alli Henry.
- BA staff attended Pro Walk, Pro Bike, Pro Place in Vancouver—we're working on a snazzy "steal this idea" presentation
- Oct. 1 Arlington Fun Ride- supported Phoenix Bikes by coordinating ride marshals, working with WABA and TE&O for PBL on North Quincy St., and operating the Rosslyn Pit Stop. Thanks to many BAC members for helping with each of these.
- Bike Tours for Transportation Staff (Department of Environmental Services, Howard County, Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, County Communications Staff)

Happening

- *Comfort Map Update – soon! Final edits are happening in the next two weeks, then will get sent to the printer.*
- *Our Comfort Map being presented at the North American Cartographic Information Society in October*
- *Lights for Bikes—Will be out at three locations, Bikeometer, W&OD at Columbia Pike and SEEC/Shirlington in the morning. Will be partnering with WalkArlington and (potentially) AIRE.*
- [Bike Education](#)
- *Three Community Rides*
- *Three more Learn to Rides (including one in South Arlington!)*
- *One more City Cycling*
- *Halloween Ride with Revolution Cycles*

Capital Bikeshare

- *Capital Bikeshare Community Partners—Phoenix Bikes and APAH are signed on as partner agencies, with 33 participants to date. More organizations and sign-up events to come.*
- *New Station installed at Westover Park (North Kennebec and 11th). Arlington station total now 86. Systemwide: 405.*
- *CaBi hit 6th Anniversary on Sept. 20, with 14.5 million trips to date.*
- *Arlington is pursuing a sponsorship and advertising RFP for the entire system. Working with County Attorney's Office and County Manager on this issue.*

Discussed the potential for a one pager on improving motorist understanding of Arlington County bike infrastructure. Discussion with Henry will occur offline.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment