



Safety Pilot

Community Input Summary

What is Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. In 2021, the Arlington County Board adopted a [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) to achieve our goal of zero traffic-related serious injuries or fatalities by the year 2030. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.

Number of responses: **29**

Who we heard from ...

- **100%** live in Arlington
- **17%** work in Arlington
- **66%** typically walk
- **52%** typically use a personal vehicle
- **0%** typically use transit
- **10%** typically use a bicycle



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Temporary Road Closure for Oakridge Elementary School Drop-off/Pick-up: 24th St S btw. S Ode St & S Nash St

Pilot Description

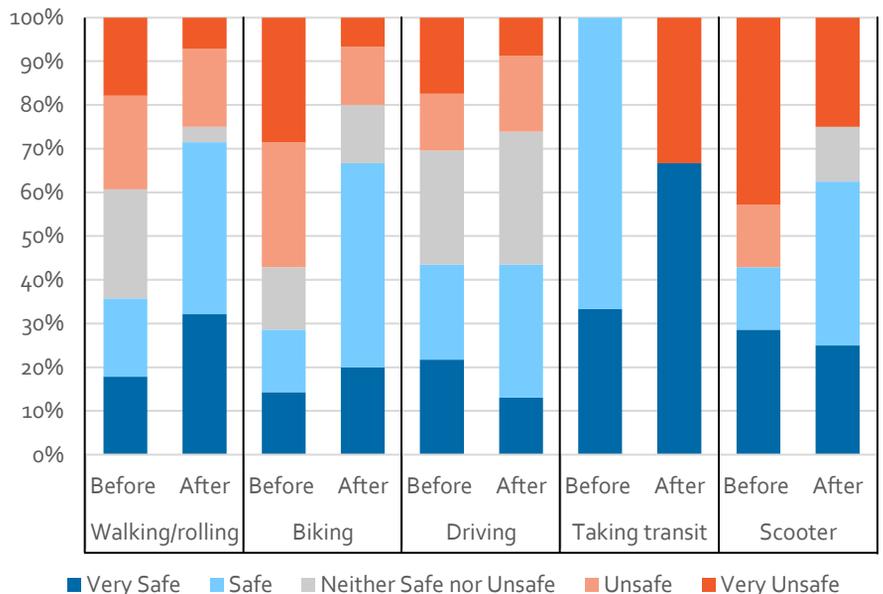
In partnership with Arlington Public Schools, the County has been piloting a temporary road closure along 24th St S btw. S Ode St and S Nash St, to improve arrival/dismissal operations at Oakridge Elementary. This temporary road closure is in effect for 30 minutes at both arrival and dismissal times. Cones and signage are used for the temporary closure and to allow easy access for local traffic, emergency vehicles, and school buses. Local traffic is permitted (incl. access to driveways). Drivers may bypass the temporary closure on nearby neighborhood streets.

Summary of Feedback

In late 2022, we asked the community for input on the pilot:

- Overall responses showed people who walk/roll, or ride a bicycle or scooter, felt safer during the pilot.
- There was not a major change in safety felt by drivers, though there was a slight decrease in people who reported feeling "very safe."
- Responses for transit indicated feeling less safe during the pilot; however, the sample size was very small (3 responses) and no respondents reported using transit at this location.

Feelings About Safety Before & During Pilot Implementation



Learn more about Arlington County Vision Zero at transportation.arlingtonva.us/vision-zero/



Open Comments Summary

When asked to elaborate on their responses, many noted safety improvements like less congestion and safer crossings. Others indicated a perceived increase in unsafe driver behaviors and congestion on local streets.

When asked, "Is there anything else you'd like to add about this project for staff to know?", several people noted that they have enjoyed the pilot improvements. Several people also suggested using the rear school parking lot for bus staging and/or car pick-ups.

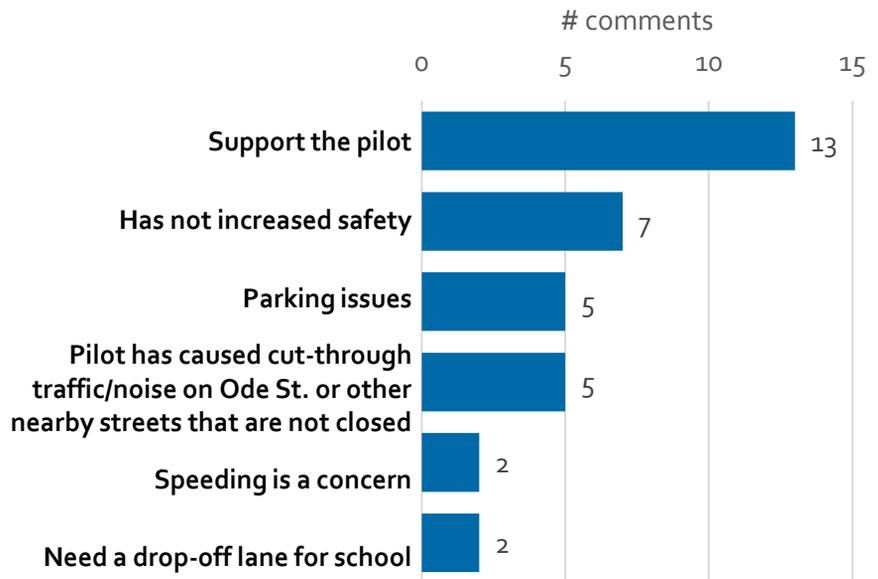
Next Steps

Due to overall positive impacts in safety, the County will coordinate with staff at Oakridge Elementary to gauge interest and capacity to continue the temporary road closure as part of regular arrival and dismissal protocol at the school. Staff will also review and discuss the possibility of additional pick-up/drop-off operational enhancements. Check the [Vision Zero pilot page](#) for future updates.



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Top responses to open-ended question related to before/after safety ratings



Top responses to question asking, "Is there anything else you'd like to add about this project for staff to know?"

