

Vision Zero Arlington County

Multimodal Engineering Safety Toolbox

Transcript of the Virtual Meeting Chat

February 1, 2022

Recording: <https://youtu.be/g0NgtqLgTLM>

21:03:48 From Wendy Phelps, Toole Design to Everyone:

View the Toolbox -

https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/transportation/documents/2021_12_06-draft-vz-toolbox.pdf

Ver la caja de herramientas -

https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/transportation/documents/2021_12_06-draft-vz-toolbox-spanish.pdf

21:07:41 From Wendy Phelps, Toole Design to Everyone:

Ver diapositivas en español -

https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/transportation/documents/spanish-2021-10-1_draft_vz_toolbox_public_engagement-finalv2.pdf

21:12:17 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

Request for service:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Transportation/Streets/Transportation-Investigation-Requests>

21:14:41 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

Try accessing it from here:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Transportation/Vision-Zero/Tools-and-Guidelines?transfer=e8fc193b-e6fc-45d8-bdbe-401d8796d755#TG-Toolbox>

21:16:35 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

Monitoring of tool use is necessary

21:20:55 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

It would be helpful to include how the community is engaged in monitoring the chosen tool for appropriateness or usefulness.

21:25:12 From Cynthia Palmer to Everyone:

Where and when will each tool be implemented?

21:25:16 From Neil Curran to Everyone:

Where it is being used/considered

21:26:13 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

Track record for the tool?

21:27:53 From Hannah Neagle to Everyone:

Wanted to +1 to Beverly's comments on monitoring and community engagement above. I've seen tools in other parts of the region not work and sometimes there haven't been next steps even when community members voice that.

21:28:10 From Neil Curran to Everyone:

What historical tools Arlington has used that should be avoided going forward

21:31:37 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

Monitoring also holds duty bearers accountable for meeting community needs and following up with sharing data with the community

21:33:31 From Neil Curran to Everyone:

Do the guidelines Dan referenced only use the tools listed or are there other options in those guidelines?

21:35:07 From Cynthia Palmer to Everyone:

Are there certain crosswalks at which Arlington is considering dedicated crossing times for pedestrians and cyclists, rather than only LPI? There is some (minimal) mention of this possibility in the draft document, which would make the most terrifying intersections far safer.

21:36:06 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

There are some questions here that might be better suited for the Q&A section of the meeting. I'm going to make sure they are addressed at that time!

21:37:56 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

The reference links are really appreciated.

21:38:18 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

I'll wait until Q&A

21:49:59 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

FYI - one thing I am noticing in the document (might be exclusive to the "Crash Reduction" text) is how the word "crash" is treated. Sometimes it doesn't specify what type of crash, sometimes it specifies "bicycle crashes" other times "crashes between vehicles." Maybe it will be treated in the definitions section?

21:56:44 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

Can you say more about next steps, including reviewing the appendix on tool selection?

21:57:19 From Henry Dunbar to Everyone:

Would Arlington ever consider converting many residential intersections with 2-way stops and round traffic islands into true roundabouts with 4-way yields?

21:59:19 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

At least a few of the ALL-pedestrian phase signals in DC, pedestrians are still allowed crossings during the parallel vehicle phases though turns are restricted. I think this is for locations with EXTREMELY high pedestrian activity.

22:01:48 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

I noted above that I really like the live links to the references. Please make sure they are updated.

22:02:09 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

"Dedicated Intersections" (from the NACTO "don't give up at the intersection" guide)

22:02:11 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

Chicanes

22:02:19 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

Chicanes +1

22:02:55 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

The community was divided on Stafford Street.

22:03:04 From Hannah Neagle to Everyone:

Barnes Dance intersections

22:03:38 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

Fair point, Eric. However, I spoke with someone in conversation who said she and her neighbors had a very significant change of heart after installation

22:03:53 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

So at least a few minds changed!

22:03:59 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

Tabletop Intersections

22:04:03 From Kristin to Everyone:

+1 to Barnes Dance

22:04:08 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

Roadway surface treatments (i.e., cobblestone or similar)

22:04:15 From Collier Cook to Everyone:

Continuous Sidewalks

22:04:24 From Hannah Neagle to Everyone:

+1 tabletop

22:05:04 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

+1 for Barnes - and we have a successful one @ 23rd & Arlington Ridge Rd!

22:05:09 From Collier Cook to Everyone:

Nate is correct

22:05:10 From Hannah Neagle to Everyone:

Closed streets (seeing this in school zones in Europe)

22:05:18 From Henry Dunbar to Everyone:

Suggestion on the roundabouts: Might just need a lot more of them for drivers to get used to them and change to the behavior we seek (yielding to cars and stopping for peds).

Thanks

22:05:23 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Woonerfs

22:05:30 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

Do the signal sections include dedicated Bicycle facility signals?

22:05:54 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Green ribbons!

22:06:13 From Neil Curran to Everyone:

+1 woonerfs

22:07:16 From Cynthia Palmer to Everyone:

Some signals on bike routes still do not recognize bikes so riders must climb on the sidewalk to push the beg buttons

22:07:31 From Kristin to Everyone:

+1 School Streets (same as Hannah's)

22:07:50 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Best practice for multi-use trails - width, markings, yield at intersections with streets

22:08:23 From Kristin to Everyone:

School Streets are closed streets - see Vancouver and Seattle

22:08:44 From Henry Dunbar to Everyone:

+1 on closed schools streets!!

22:12:20 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

Echoing some of the earlier comments, I think it would be useful to create a system by which people could easily understand which types of streets the tools are most appropriate? So, when someone is in an engagement they already have a screening mechanism of the best tools.

22:14:29 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

A true guidelines document... that would be useful

22:14:39 From Kristin to Everyone:

Since this is a living and breathing document, can you discuss how new tools could be evaluated? Often communities have suggestions, or have seen something in another city, and it would be good to have a process for that.

22:15:51 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

Suggest that when you click on a live link in the Toolbox document text, that it opens in a new tab or window, so you can stay where you are in the Toolbox.

22:16:04 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

To add to Chris's comment, it could also greatly shorten the engagement cycles which are often debating the same things just on different blocks.

22:18:16 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

As Chris noted about specificity, maybe you can link to specifications, to keep the Toolbox itself from being too busy.

22:18:53 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

Thanks to VDOT for engaging with us.

22:19:33 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Can you prepare a cheat on how people can "approach" the toolbox effectively - I'm afraid that IA was intimidated by its length and unfortunately did not have time to attack it before tonight - and not sure what I could do quickly?

22:20:33 From Heidi Mitter to Everyone:

VDOT's latest bike/ped treatments webpage (click on each treatment to view drop-down info.):

https://www.virginia.gov/programs/bikeped/biking_and_pedestrian_treatments.asp

22:22:22 From Kristin to Everyone:

Great tool for civic associations to use.

22:22:57 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

LOL, of course I was the only person who submitted question in advance.

22:23:32 From Kristin to Everyone:

To Pam's point, making it more digestible - like this slide show perhaps.

22:28:26 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

Please note in the document that the Table of Contents is hyper-linked. This will help users navigate more quickly.

22:28:53 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

Great suggestion Eric

22:29:42 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

Thanks! That table's one of the most useful parts of the document.

22:33:21 From Rob Mandle | National Landing BID to Everyone:

Back in my previous life, I helped EPA create a Smart Growth database to educate the public on what it looks like. Maybe there is a similar resource out there already?

22:34:07 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

BRICK CROSSWALKS

22:34:28 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

Could you consider including traffic signals - just standard signals- as another tool? They could be appropriate depending upon assessment of the situation and conditions

22:34:41 From Neil Curran to Everyone:

Noted that saw tooth bus bays weren't mentioned (like Ballston Metro)

22:36:56 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

next steps = when will you be presenting to TC and other commissions/committees?

22:40:13 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

Tool selection in collaboration and discussion with the community can be a challenging component of the process. I would suggest not hiding the process in an appendix, but rather address this head on to set community expectations.

22:41:56 From Nate Graham (Arlington DES) to Everyone:

<https://www.pedbikeimages.org/>

22:43:53 From Henry Dunbar to Everyone:

Pavers in general (See Columbia Pike sidewalk, northside from Courthouse to Rolfe).

22:45:08 From Kristin to Everyone:

+1 Henry, for sure.

22:48:55 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

Maybe we need an "Island of Misfit Tools" for stuff we don't intend to ever install again.
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22:50:52 From Henry Dunbar to Everyone:

Why not?!?!

22:51:12 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

THANKS - very helpful introduction!

22:51:37 From Eric Goodman to Everyone:

Thanks so much for County Staff's good work on this draft.

22:51:51 From Neil Curran to Everyone:

Thank you all!

22:52:06 From Beverly Johnston to Everyone:

Thank you for your work on this

22:52:10 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

❤️❤️ Thanks Nate, Dan, Christine, Kevin & all!

22:52:14 From Kristin to Everyone:

Really good work, thanks County team.