

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS. Wednesday, December 8, 2021 7PM
Minutes (approved as submitted January 12, 2022)

Attendees: Eric Goldstein, Chair; Eric Goodman, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; Ian Blackwell; Jim Feaster; Elizabeth Gallagher; Tom Kornis; Andrea Walker; Chris Yarie; David Patton, Bike & Pedestrian Planner; Mary Dallao, WalkArlington Program Manager

Invited Speakers: Allison Bullock, Transportation Planning Supervisor; Leah Gerber, Active Transportation Coordinator

Other attendees: Matt Jones and Rob Mandle, National Landing BID; Alistair Watson; Eric Malpeli; Naomi Ottoway (sp?)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and welcomed PAC members and staff. There were no public comments, although we had three public guests. Attendees introduced themselves. The Chair did not have a separate report, but he briefly discussed the County FY 2023 budget planning. The County Manager is currently seeking guidance on budget priorities from the community, commissions, and committees. The Chair noted that the PAC will want to continue to support the growing Vision Zero program. The Vice Chair asked if any funding for current programs that the PAC support are in danger of cuts. The Chair said, no, though it may be more difficult to begin new programs or major expansions in this budget cycle. Finally, the Chair encouraged everyone to complete the online budget survey by December 20:

Allison Bullock, Transportation Planning Supervisor, Transportation Planning/Capitol Project Management: Update

The PAC welcomed A. Bullock, who came to the County about a year ago after several years working in transportation planning in New York City. She described two staff positions that will open soon. The first is a long-range transportation planner, who will coordinate projects with CPHD and DPR staff, and replace Richard Best. The second is a new position, Capital Projects Manager, who will help track all of the numerous County transportation-related projects in the CIP. She noted an upcoming feasibility study that will include trail planning, starting with Arlington Boulevard, between Jackson and Glebe, with coordination with the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC).

Leah Gerber, Active Transportation Coordinator: PROWAG (Public Right-of Way Accessibility Guidelines)

The speaker shared what she learned about PROWAG at a recent LTAP training program in West Virginia. PROWAG guidelines are both more generous and cover additional topics for pedestrians with disabilities than are addressed in the ADA guidelines. For example the ADA guidelines state only a 3' clear zone width, while the PROWAG guidelines state 4'. The PROWAG guidelines also include a flat "landing zone" before the pedestrian ramp – a critical piece of infrastructure for wheelchair users. You can read an overview of PROWAG here:

<https://www.adainfo.org/sites/default/files/1.4-Public-Rights-of-Way-2-slides-per-page.pdf>

Check out the main US Access Board website (<https://www.access-board.gov/>). The Access Board is an independent federal agency that promotes equality for people with disabilities through leadership in accessible design and the development of accessibility guidelines and standards. Current ADA guidelines are available through the US Access Board site: <https://www.access-board.gov/ada/>

The speaker works closely with other County staff to ensure that the needs of pedestrians with disabilities are accommodated. She encourages PAC members to be aware of the various guidelines and speak up about the needs of pedestrians with disabilities when working on projects in the County.

Pamela Van Hine, PAC Recording Secretary/PAC Co-Representative: Update on 22202 Projects that Impact Pedestrians

The speaker highlighted the usefulness of the National Landing BID quarterly transportation roundtable and the County Crystal City-Pentagon City transportation update – the link to sign up is on any National Landing County transportation project page. She commented on the Transitway and Crystal City Bike Network challenges for pedestrians, and encouraged everyone to send comments on the CC2DCA latest plans. We are waiting for Phase 2

to start for Route 1, and Virginia announced \$134 million in committed funding for the project. The speaker also talked about the Pentagon City Planning Study (PCPS) and how it was being implemented in the proposed PenPlace design, especially the “green ribbons” through the central core. She encouraged PAC members to send comments on the PCPS and PenPlace master plan. Finally, she encouraged the PAC to monitor the CC2DCA plans and to provide specific support when appropriate; to continue to be involved with the VDOT Route 1 project as it goes through Phase 2; to monitor and encourage the regional TDM (transportation demand management) programs that will be critical to preventing traffic gridlock; and to continue to push to ensure that updates to pedestrian elements of the MTP are incorporated. She promised to post relevant links and information:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fM8DDN_DtdISmW1xcAMPINbe9k299mcGe5gddl9-10/edit?usp=sharing

Eric Goldstein, PAC Chair/PAC Representative on [Vision Zero](#) External Stakeholder Group: [Vision Zero Mid-year Report](#)

The Chair briefly reviewed the Mid-Year Vision report, encouraged PAC members to read through it, and noted that PAC members would be welcome at next week’s External Stakeholder Group meeting.

Mary Dallao, [WalkArlington](#) Program Manager: Update

Ms. Dallao said that the Fall 8-Week Walking Challenge was now over, that it was quite successful, and that another might be planned for the Fall of 2022. Meanwhile, she is planning many in-person events, so watch the website for updates! National Walking Day will be April 19, and WalkArlington will be taking the lead.

A. Walker updated the PAC on walking buses, with a pilot project planned for Oak Ridge Elementary School in the Arlington Ridge neighborhood.

David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner: Update on his projects

The speaker quickly highlighted a number of current projects, many of which involve trails:

- A 4 mile long NVRPD trail-widening project for the W&OD trail in East Falls Church, between Carlin Springs Road and Sycamore, that would create 2 lanes. Unfortunately the area is in a flood plain, which complicates planning.
- Long Bridge Project: The bike-ped bridge over the Potomac and how it will land in Virginia, connect to the Mount Vernon Trail, and connect to the extension of Long Bridge Park: The mixing of bike-ped traffic with park users at the landings is under discussion.
- Mount Vernon Trail: A huge upgrade to the trail – to 12’ wide in Arlington – is planned.
- Arlington National Cemetery “wall trail”: 1.25 miles of new trail are planned to make connections in this area.
- Wayfinding: Plans for wayfinding for trails are ongoing.
- Bike-ped Counters: The County needs an upgrade to at least 4G from 2-3G. A procurement contract is in the works.
- Tactical urbanism: Lots of County quick build improvements are sponsored through Vision Zero

PAC members appreciated the update and want to be kept informed on all of these important projects.

Eric Goldstein, Chair: PAC Business:

- Election of Officers: No one has come forward to serve as incoming Chair. Please consider running. We will ask again at our January meeting.
- Approval of October PAC Minutes: Approval was postponed until January because they had not been posted and because they had several errors that needed to be corrected.
- The Chair asked the committee to approve his sending a brief letter to the County Manager in support of using speed cameras in school zones.
 - *Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all PAC members present for the Chair to send a letter to the County Manager in support of speed cameras in school zones.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 7 P.M. Watch the [PAC page](#) for details on the January meeting.