

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 7 P.M.
DRAFT Minutes
YouTube Meeting recording:

Attendees: Elizabeth Gallagher, Chair; Eric Goodman, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; Patrick Kenney; Andrea Walker; Chris Yarie; David Patton, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner
Guests: Guest Speaker: Henry Dunbar, ACCS; Emily Emery, C2E2; Matt Jones, National Landing BID; Alistair Watson, NCSC

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and welcomed PAC members, staff, and guests. The Chair had no Chair's Report, and there were no public speakers.

Henry Dunbar, Director of Operations for Active Transportation, ACCS: WalkArlington Update

The speaker substituted for M. Dallao, the WalkArlington Program Manager, who could not attend tonight's meeting. He primarily reviewed the initial WalkArlington [WalkingPalooza](#) series of five walks in celebration of National Walking Day: National Landing, Roosevelt Island hike, walking art tour of Rosslyn, community dog walk, and the Ballston pizza walk (most popular). All of the walks were successful, and WalkArlington is offering self-guided tours through a MapMe QR code. The Vice Chair asked why attendance/walk was limited to 30 walkers. The speaker noted that they actually accepted 60, assuming that half would not show, and maintained a waiting list as well as needed. The walks are limited in size because the walks are usually on County sidewalks with limited room, and hearing the speaker outdoors is challenging if the crowd is too large. The speaker also noted that the Arlington kickoff for the Spring [Street Smart Campaign](#) will be April 26, as well as a BikeArlington-WalkArlington trail clean up along the W&OD trail on April 23 and an upcoming celebration of the [50th anniversary of the Mt Vernon Trail](#) April 16.

David Patton: Leah Gerber's report to the BAC on the [South George Mason Drive Multimodal Transportation Study](#)

The speaker valiantly tried to narrate the recorded presentation from the BAC meeting, but it was challenging for the PAC committee to follow. Alternatively, watch the [BAC meeting recording](#), starting at 1hr, 19 min., or watch the public information kickoff on the project website (slides also available). The South George Mason Dr. Multimodal Transportation Study will review this key corridor from Route 50 to the Arlington/Fairfax line to identify improvements that deliver the vision, goals, and prior planning of Arlington County's Master Transportation Plan (MTP). The study will develop a corridor-wide profile and initial concepts for each segment, and further develop a preliminary design concept for the segments located between Columbia Pike and the County line for use in upcoming grant funding applications. Note that the project also has walking tours on Saturday, April 23 [Walking Tour](#) and on Thursday, April 28 [Walking Tour](#). Submit your comments on existing conditions on this stretch of George Mason Drive through the [online feedback map](#) by **May 1**.

David Patton: Dominion Energy [Glebe Electric Transmission Project](#)

This major Dominion Energy project, which will convert an existing overhead electric transmission line to an underground – and underwater - line between the Glebe Substation and Potomac Yard Transition Station. The project will also decommission the Potomac Yard station and rebuild the outdated Glebe Substation. This multi-year project will have major impacts on all transportation modes along the Alexandria-Arlington border just west of Route 1. The highly-used existing 4 Mile Run Trail (4MRT) will be closed for several years around the site, with a temporary boardwalk replacing the closed trail section. However, before the installation of the boardwalk and after it is removed, Dominion will provide a TBD detour for bike-peds around the site; the details on the detour route are still being negotiated with Dominion, VDOT, the County, and Alexandria. Dominion will hold an important virtual community meeting on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 P.M. Unfortunately this date conflicts with both the PAC and the AHCA meetings that same evening. However, Dominion did attend the April BAC meeting; their [presentation](#) starts at 41 minutes. Meanwhile, D. Patton promised to keep us informed about the project.

Elizabeth Gallagher, PAC Chair: Discussion of draft PAC CIP Letter to the County Manager

At the March PAC meeting, PAC members discussed the need to send CIP recommendations to the County Manager and prioritized possible CIP projects through a JamBoard exercise (see the March 9 minutes, linked below). The Chair drafted a letter in support of CIP funding for Vision Zero, sidewalk construction, the Army-Navy Country Club Emergency Access Road, and the development of "green ribbons." During the April meeting, the consensus of PAC members present was that the contents were good, and that additional editorial changes might be helpful. The Chair will accept additional editorial suggestions through this Friday morning, and then send out the letter later that day.

Motion (moved and seconded, unanimously approved by PAC members present): Approve the contents of the draft CIP letter to the County Manager, with additional editorial changes provided as needed.

Pamela Van Hine, PAC Recording Secretary: Update on Three Projects

The speaker gave brief updates on three current important projects: the VDOT Route 1 Multimodal Improvements Study – Phase 2; Resurfacing Projects for Complete Streets, and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TRG) on Visualize 2045. For each project, she reviewed what it is, why it's important for pedestrian safety, and how to participate in upcoming public engagements.

- Route 1 Study: The VDOT Route 1 has moved into Phase 2, after recommending bringing Route 1 down-to-grade at 18th and at 15th in National Landing at the end of their Phase 1 study. The Livability 22202 Route 1 Working Group presented an update at the Crystal City Civic Association meeting on January 19 and sent a followup letter to VDOT in February. VDOT recently sent a response. All of the Working Group activities and VDOT responses are posted through the Working Group website. Meanwhile the Working Group has met separately with the People before Cars Coalition and VDOT staff to present some at-grade ideas to improve safety, comfort, and convenience for all modes. VDOT will hold their first Virtual Public Information Meeting for Phase 2 on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 P.M. Please preregister through the site and plan to attend this important meeting.
- Resurfacing Projects for Complete Streets (2022): County staff have recommended sections of six major streets in Arlington for complete street treatment as part of their resurfacing in 2022): Wilson Boulevard, S. Joyce/15th, S. Abingdon Road, N. Ohio Street, and two projects on Clarendon Boulevard. These are major opportunities to provide bike-ped infrastructure improvements that will help keep us safe. Projects could include new protected bike lanes, pedestrian bumpouts, travel lane narrowing, improved crosswalks. By April 17, comment on existing conditions on as many of these projects as you want.
- Visualize 2045: Visualize 2045 is an important MCOG regional transportation planning proposal. It is critical for planning to reduce SOV use throughout the region to help control traffic, and it is an important opportunity for cyclists and pedestrians to push for regional bike-ped connected networks that are safe, comfortable, and accessible for all users. Check out the videos on this page, sign up for the TIP Forum on April 24, and submit your comments on Visualize 2045 by May 1. Comments may be submitted through the website link, via an email, by phone, or by letter.

PAC Business:

Approval of draft [March 9, 2022 PAC meeting minutes](#):

- Moved, seconded, and approved without objection by PAC members present.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 7 P.M. Watch the PAC page for details on the May meeting.