

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

Virtual meeting held via Microsoft TEAMS, March 8, 2023

PAC Meeting [Recording](#); BAC Meeting [Recording](#) (also see [Vision Zero slide presentation](#), watch both Vision Zero and Trail Management – 1h14 min – see map with planned trail repairs – 1h 28 m

Minutes, unanimously approved without edits, April 12, 2023

Attendees: Elizabeth Gallagher, Chair; Eric Goodman, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; Patrick Kenney; Eric Malpeli; Elwyn Gonzalez, Staff Support; Leah Gerber, Active Transportation Manager, DOT (staff PAC meeting in D. Patton's absence); Mary Dallao, Program Director for Active Transportation/Acting WalkArlington Program Manager

Invited Speakers: Robert Capper, DPR; Hui Wang, Director, DOT; Other guests: Matt Jones, National Landing BID

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and welcomed PAC members, speakers, and guests. She had no formal Chair's report. She announced that Ian Blackwell has resigned his PAC membership because he's moving to Alexandria. She also announced that this PAC meeting would be shorter than usual because Christine Baker, Vision Zero Program Manager, was not able to present tonight. However, PAC members are encouraged to watch C. Baker's presentation at the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting on March 6 (Recording is [here](#), Vision Zero Update starts at 32 minutes).

Hui Wang, Deputy Director for Transportation and Development: Transportation Priorities:

The speaker, the recently appointed Deputy Director for Transportation, was invited by the PAC to share her vision and priorities for Arlington transportation. She noted that many people have input into the vision; it is not hers alone. Her priorities however, are 1) Safety: Vision Zero is a key part of improving transportation safety, especially for vulnerable users, including pedestrians. 2) Equity: Where and how is the County funding transportation projects? How are projects prioritized? Race, gender, culture, and mode choice are all part of equity. Staff use an equity lens frequently to help prioritize projects. See the soon to be released Vision Zero equity report. 3) Sustainability – includes multimodalism: How to effectively use limited resources to move people; how to make transportation more environmentally friendly, use greener energy for transit, and incorporate newer technology.

PAC comments:

- Staffing: Any staff cutbacks in budget (no). Does DOT have sufficient staff? Currently yes, but may need more in the future.
- How to partner with other organizations (VDOT, NPS, etc.): Staff have collaborative relationships with them to implement the County's transportation needs (i.e. lowering speed limits on VDOT-controlled roads). Vision Zero programs are developed regionally. The speaker did not address how the PAC could work more effectively with outside groups.

Robert Capper, Capital Asset Manager, DPR: Trail Pavement Condition Assessment (and Next Steps):

County trail pavement conditions are assessed about every 3 years and were just completed in 2022. A team of 2 contractors and staff walked the entire County trail network over 5 days, capturing pavement conditions on video through an ATV and rating segments using the Pavement Condition Index (0-100). The speaker displayed the Arlington Virginia Trails Pavement Assessment Dashboard, which includes an interactive map of County trails, coded by their condition. The dashboard displays key data (average trail condition 78, broken down by percentages in excellent (90-100), good (70-89), fair (50-69), and poor condition (less than 50). Clicking on a trail on the map pulls up a video of the trail, showing its condition. Watch a sample video during his presentation on the meeting recording. County staff are using the survey findings to prioritize trail milling and repaving projects, including parts of Custis and 4MRT. Milling and repaving of trails covers larger areas – 100' or more - than sidewalk repairs for efficiency. Note that this project only applies to County trails.

Mary Dallao, Program Director for Active Transportation/Acting WalkArlington Program Manager: [WalkArlington Update](#):

The speaker announced that the updated WalkAbouts are almost ready and that WalkArlington will celebrate National Walking Day (April 15) with Walking Palooza walks: TDR Island walk and Vision Zero in Arlington, led by Christine Sherman Baker, Vision Zero Program Manager. She noted that a third walk was being finalized. Update: [Registration](#) for the Walking Palooza Walks is now open, and the third walk is a Black Heritage Walk with the President of the [Black Heritage Museum of Arlington!](#)

Leah Gerber, Active Transportation Manager and Project Manager, S. George Mason Drive Multimodal Study:

- *DES Organizational Chart – How does transportation fit?* The speaker displayed a Department of Environmental Services organizational chart and explained how the Department of Transportation and the various transportation bureaus relate: TE&O, Transportation Planning (TPCPM – Capital Project Management), Transit, and Development Services (services for development projects, i.e. MOTs). She explained the overall structure of DES, noted key current staff, and talked about how closely staff in different departments under DES work together. She will try to share the organizational chart.
- ***S. George Mason Drive Multimodal Transportation Study:*** The community meeting for Phase Three of public engagement for the study, which was originally planned for mid-January, was moved to March 22, 2023, following additional internal review of the goals of the study and the concepts developed for the intersections along the corridor. The project team is completing additional analysis of complex intersections along the corridor, particularly on the intersections of South George Mason Drive at South Four Mile Run Drive and at Columbia Pike. Both intersections are challenging for cyclists and pedestrians presently.
- ***Engage Arlington:*** Check for listing of interest. She highlighted the Crystal City-Pentagon City Open House (March 27), Performance Parking Pilot Survey (through Summer 2023) , and the Vision Zero Open House (Arlington Mill CC, in-person, drop by, April 26, 4-7PM). (Don't forget the S. Glebe R & 9th Street S. engagement; comments due April 16)

PAC Business:

Pamela Van Hine, PAC Recording Secretary: [Long Bridge Project Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge Update:](#)

The speaker reviewed the history of the Long Bridge Project and the role of the bike-ped bridge as mitigation. She talked about the February 13, 2023 stakeholders' meeting with VPRA staff and encouraged PAC members to watch the meeting recording. Finally, she asked that PAC members stay informed and involved:

- Participate in the in-person Pop-up engagements, planned at many sites between March 13-25. See [this page](#) for details for dates, times, and specific locations for these Pop-Ups.
- Take the Long Bridge Spring 2023 Online Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LongBridgeSpring2023>. This survey will be open through **April 10**.
- Attend the next virtual public meeting, **March 27** (6:00-7:00 PM). Click [here](#) to register Can't make the meeting? Learn more and see the latest renderings by viewing the **project presentation [here](#)**.

Other PAC business: The PAC did not have a quorum at this meeting, so could not vote. Therefore the Chair deferred additional PAC business to the April 12 meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM. The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Watch the [PAC page](#) for details on the April meeting. Please send the Chair ideas for future meeting topics.