

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Virtual Meeting, May 14, 2025 7PM

Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyAcSJrCZQ> PDFs of some presentations are also available

Minutes, Approved by quorum of attending PAC members, September 10, 2025

Attending: Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary (Acting Acting Chair for this meeting); John Armstrong; David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner

The Acting Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12PM after some technical issues were resolved. The Chair had no formal report; there were no public speakers; J. Armstrong was the only other PAC member present.

David Patton: Promoting PAC membership:

- The PAC still seeks a PAC Vice Chair. Please consider serving.
- New PAC membership brochure: D. Patton has prepared a new PAC membership promotional flyer that will be distributed at Bike to Work stations tomorrow. J. Armstrong asked about County resources to help promote PAC membership, especially through the revised website, adding to County calendars, participating at some of the larger County events, i.e. Clarendon Day, County Fair, coordinate activities with WalkArlington.

Pamela Van Hine: Responding to County Manager's Priorities: Report on "How Technology Can Stop SuperSpeeders" [Webinar](#) (May 7, 2025)

The speaker reviewed the contents of the webinar, including descriptions of the speakers and sponsors: Families for Safe Streets, Vision Zero Network, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and the Institute for Safer Trucking. She also addressed the basics of the technology and noted the similar technology and ethical issues to drunk driving prevention. Legal literature notes that driving is a privilege, not a right (see legal article). Police can use this tool as part of enforcement, and judges can use the tool to get repeat offending drivers to install a device to continue driving. It can be installed on public vehicles (i.e. buses, other County vehicles), as well as used with younger drivers. A successful implementation of this tool needs a strong educational component - for everyone involved, judges, police, drivers, local communities.

Intelligent Speed Assistance Technology - Implementation in Virginia: Staff from the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) explained how the active speed prevention technology works and, with Patrick Hope, explained the approved Virginia legislation, proposed by Patrick Hope, passed easily and quickly. Note the Court must order driver enrollment to use the technology. The [law will go into effect on July 1, 2026](#).

Next step: P. Van Hine and J. Armstrong will write up a brief letter to the County Manager that describes the program.

Pamela Van Hine, David Patton: Projects Open for Comments:

- Long Bridge Project Update: See [ARLNow story](#); [VPRA Long Bridge Project](#).
- May 20 [Open House](#) for Several Projects in North Arlington (including [Military Road](#).)
- Pedestrian Bridge over Langston Boulevard East Bound to [Gateway Park](#): Current street crossings to get to Gateway Park are not safe; the existing pedestrian bridge over Langston Boulevard will need to come down with the building of [One Rosslyn](#); designing an accessible bridge to replace it would take up too much space. Note: [One Rosslyn SPRC2 Video](#) Discussion of transportation, including the Overpass, starts at 1h10m. Overpass is owned and controlled by the County. Note D. Weir's questions on safety of Ft. Meyer and Langston EB: Barnes Dance, more crosswalks. Note Chris Slatt's public comments at 1h50m (also note his [posted comments](#)).
 - Next step: D. Patton will set up a PAC walking meeting on Wednesday, June 11 to study the existing and proposed pedestrian access to Gateway Park. BAC members will be invited, but it will not be a joint meeting. Other invited participants and details were also briefly discussed.

Pamela Van Hine: Brief Updates on Arlington's Transportation Future: and Plans to Update the County's Comprehensive Plan and GLUP Element.

[MTP Update](#): The speaker briefly reviewed the current status and continuing evolution of the proposed Vision Statement and Goals presented at the April 10 Advisory Group meeting. The Vision Statement and Goals will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, and County Board in July. In the fall, the MTP update project will pivot to studying more detailed plans.

[Arlington County Comprehensive Plan Update](#):

In 2024, Arlington County kicked off the [Comprehensive Plan](#) Update project. Phase 1 of this project includes developing a new introductory chapter for the Comprehensive Plan, including new people-centric Guiding Principles for Arlington County based on the [American Planning Association's](#) Guiding Principles and input from the community. The development of a scope of work for an update to the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) will also be completed in Phase 1. Updating the General Land Use Plan will occur in Phase 2. The County will seek community input to inform the deliverables of the Comprehensive Plan Update project.

Discussion: J Armstrong suggested having staff come talk to the PAC about the process and plan - and specific pedestrian impacts.

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:18PM. The next PAC meeting will be a walking meeting around Gateway Park on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Watch the [PAC page](#) for details on meetup time and place.