

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Walking Meeting, Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:30 PM

In person Tour of the Pedestrian Conditions around and through Gateway Park

Minutes approved by attending PAC members, September 10, 2025

D. Patton's Invitation: All are invited to a **Special Walking Meeting** of the Arlington County Pedestrian Advisory Committee (**PAC**) to take place in the Gateway Park area of Rosslyn. Please note: this is not tied to any particular public engagement opportunity. Rather, the aim is to promote understanding of many separate efforts and projects in the area, so people are well informed and prepared for upcoming engagements. The walking meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 11**, from **6:30 – 8:30 pm**. The TEAMS Link will connect to a mobile device on the walk. We cannot guarantee the quality of that connection.

The ongoing efforts and projects include: Gateway Park master planning; commercial site plan developments; VDOT's study of the Langston Boulevard corridor; Arlington County DOT improvements to surface streets, intersections, and sidewalks; and the [Custis Trail needs assessment](#).

No recording of this PAC meeting was made. No one used the TEAMS link.

PAC Attendees: Eric Goodman, Acting Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; John Armstrong; Jim Feaster (and wife); Tom Korn; Eric Malpeli; Ambar Pankaj (and wife); Andrea Walker; David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner; Mary Dallao, Director, Active Transportation Programs; Lauren Hassel, BikeArlington.

Special Guests: Alli Henry, Senior Community Planning Director, Rosslyn BID; Dan Nabors, Bureau Chief, TE&O; Tenley Peterson, Chair, Planning Commission/Liaison to the PAC:

Background:

[Gateway Park](#) (general park project page): Gateway Park Master Plan is [here](#). Gateway Park is a large rectangular park surrounded by major highways and roads on all sides. The existing elevated pedestrian routes over these highways provide a safe pedestrian route to and from the park, but the route up to the pedestrian route is not ADA-Compatible. Replacing the existing elevated routes with accessible routes would take up a large amount of sidewalk space on N, Moore.

Gateway Park Project Goals:

- Develop an existing conditions report in accordance with the Park Master Plan
- Engage with the public to develop conceptual designs for the future of the park
- Collaborate with the Rosslyn BID to incorporate input into the park's design
- **Create better pedestrian connectivity between Rosslyn and Gateway Park**
- Provide formal recommendations and design guidelines for Gateway Park
- Provide the community with a state of the art, high-quality park

[One Rosslyn Development](#): The main project page is [here](#). The applicant, Penzance, proposes a rezoning, Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) Amendment and a Major Site Plan Amendment to SP #419 that would terminate the previously approved, but unbuilt, PDSP and final site plan and replace it with a new redevelopment program. The new proposal includes demolishing the existing office buildings and developing three (3) residential towers above a mixed-use podium, with retail and structured parking.

Removing/replacing the existing pedestrian bridge that connects to Gateway Park remains controversial, with passionate defenders and detractors on both sides. The existing bridge must be torn down before One Rosslyn can be built, and replacing it with an ADA-compliant bridge is challenging. See the following items: Chris Slatt's blog on the pedestrian bridge is [here](#). The North Rosslyn Civic Association letter is [here](#), one of several in the compiled PDF. ARLNow story on [bridge](#) and One Rosslyn approval next steps.

[VDOT Langston Boulevard STARS](#) (Strategic Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) Study: The long-term VDOT Langston STARS study is assessing potential safety, operational, transit and bicycle/pedestrian improvements along the approximately mile-long stretch of Langston Boulevard (Route 29) between North Veitch Street and North Lynn Street. Langston Boulevard on both sides of Gateway Park is part of this VDOT STARS project. Watch for additional public engagement later this year. County Transportation staff work closely with VDOT on Langston Boulevard safety improvements.

The PAC Walk:

- EB Langston Boulevard & Fort Meyer Drive: PAC attendees met at the SW corner of EB Langston Boulevard and SB Fort Meyer Drive. County staff have made safety improvements to 3 legs of this intersection, eliminating conflict between pedestrians crossing EB Langston Boulevard and drivers turning left from Fort Meyer Drive onto EB Langston. Two left turn lanes were added to increase queuing space, which allowed the total traffic light sequence to be lengthened by adding a separate, safe pedestrian signal. The bike-ped crossing on the west side of Langston now has a protected bike lane and shorter, better protected pedestrian crossings. The bike-ped crossing on the north side of Langston also has safety improvements. Now, to add safe crossings to the bike-ped crossing on the south side of Langston - to prevent conflicts between bike-peds and right turning drivers on Langston.
- Moore Street at EB Langston Boulevard: No signalized ped crossing is planned at Moore Street at EB Langston unfortunately.
- Pedestrian bridge connecting East and West sections of Gateway Park over Fort Meyer Drive: The existing pedestrian bridge will be replaced by a new bridge.
- Safety improvements for bike-ped crossings by WB Langston and Fort Meyer Drive: Wider trail/sidewalks, improved intersection markings and signalization timing.
- The existing pedestrian bridge over WB Langston that connects the Custis Trail to Gateway Park will stay (repaired/replaced as needed?).
- Safety improvements along Lynn crossing intersections with EB and WB Langston: All 3 streets have heavy, fast traffic that makes creating safe bike-ped crossing challenging. Note that the northside leg of EB Langston and Lynn will not have a crosswalk because of conflicts with drivers, but the westside and southside legs will have major safety improvements with the development of the park and new commercial buildings. D. Nabors also discussed safety improvement plans for bike-ped crossings at Lynn and WB Langston - and future route to the [boat house](#)! Watch for public engagement in 2026.
- Discussions with PAC guests - Alli Henry, Dan Nabors, and Tenley Peterson. The PAC was fortunate to have 3 participants with expertise in different areas of County planning: transportation planning (Nabors); SPRC and County Board processes, and project approval (Peterson), and role of the BID (Henry). The PAC attendees learned how all of these bodies interact and collaborate together.

The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 13, at 7PM. See the [PAC page](#) for details. The PAC did not hold a meeting in July.

