

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Virtual Meeting via TEAMS, Wednesday, November 19, 2025 7PM

Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIQIZAFWSw> Slides may also be available [ArlNOW Story](#)

Minutes, approved by PAC members present, February 11, 2026

Members attending: Eric Goodman, Acting Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; John Armstrong; Don Bennett, Arlington Neighborhood Committee (ArNAC) liaison; David Early, Park & Recreation Commission liaison; Jim Feaster; Patrick Kenney; Tom Korn; Eric Malpeli; David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner; Andrea Walker

The Acting Chair convened the meeting at 7:03 PM, welcomed attendees, asked attendees to introduce themselves, state their civic association, and answer this question: what is your number 1 pedestrian priority? Answers included creating and maintaining sidewalks, and fixing the process for planning and maintenance of future sidewalks, Langston Boulevard improvements, improved pavement markers, cut-through traffic, access/safety to parks and trails, prioritizing safety, and accessibility. There were no public comments and no formal Chair's report.

Eric Goodman: Feedback from the [October 8 joint BAC-PAC meeting](#)

The Acting Chair first reviewed H. Wang's presentation and the BAC-PAC responses. She recommended 3 categories of participation: public engagement and specific engagement with SPRCs and relevant transportation projects, participating in major plans (MTP update, Comprehensive Plan, updates to plan elements), and advocating for changes to Virginia laws, alert staff to key new transportation technologies, and report problems using Report a Problem.

Discussion: How can the PAC best participate in public engagements as the PAC and as individuals?

- Prioritize which engagements are the most important - biggest impact on pedestrians - i.e., VDOT STAR study for Langston Boulevard.
- PAC advises the County Manager, not the County Board. Having liaisons from key commissions is an important entry for influencing the County Board. Suggested liaisons were CoA, DAC, Transportation Commission, and TAC. PAC members agreed that it's great to have new liaisons with ArNAC and PRC.

Outcomes: Eric Malpeli volunteered to champion the PAC response to the [Langston Blvd. VDOT STARS study](#). Comments are due December 4; please send YOUR comments to Eric by December 1. A. Pankaj is coordinating PAC participation on the Vision Zero External Stakeholder Group. A. Walker has participated in the update to the Public Spaces Master Plan. The Acting Chair will coordinate PAC engagements and responses and reach out to Valerie Mosley on how to provide more timely alerts for upcoming public engagement. P. Van Hine noted that the Engage Arlington page does not include all upcoming engagements.

Pamela Van Hine, PAC Representative on Advisory Group: [Arlington's Transportation Future](#) - Update

The speaker reviewed the Advisory Group members' reports on their homework: opportunities and challenges to implementing the approved goals and gap analysis of the draft modal priority networks. She followed with an analysis of the updated staff [presentation](#) from the October 22nd meeting of the Advisory Group for the project. Advisory Group members have 3 new homework assignments, due December 3: additional comments on the [draft modal priority network maps](#), comments on staff's [draft transportation policies](#), and comments on the [draft curb use policies](#). She also reported on upcoming project engagements including the final Open House on November 22. She requested feedback on the 3 homework topics during the meeting and promised to send PAC members additional instructions and information by email soon. PAC comments need to be sent to her no later than November 30, so she can compile them into a PAC report by December 3. She also encouraged members to complete the [project's online survey](#), as individuals, by December 7. She is also asking for a PAC volunteer to represent the PAC at the next Advisory Group meeting, on December 11, because she will not be able to attend.

Discussion:

- How best to weigh in on maps? The speaker noted pedestrian impact of transit vs. bicycle 2nd priority. She also noted that sidewalk improvements will be for major corridors, not the neighborhood sidewalks.
- Need to emphasize that the entire sidewalk network needs to be completed - not just major corridors.
- Add more needed locations to map - to support seniors who are often dependent upon transit.
- Some staff proposed policies need to be combined or listed as strategies.
- Check out the public engagement section for policies, which should be helpful to organize them.
- Hard to figure out what is missing for policies.
- Cannot limit needed pedestrian clear zones.
- Long-term funding - need funds for sidewalks!
- Quoted J. Feaster's great statement on supporting the most vulnerable of pedestrians - the most vulnerable road users.

- Curb-space policies: “Emergency vehicle access” is a missing category. Maintenance for street infrastructure. Streetlights. Safe access for those with disabilities - from vehicle to sidewalk. Open Streets!
- How should curb use vary by land use?

Outcomes: PAC comments on all three homework assignments need to go to her no later than November 30, so she can compile results by December 3. She will send out reminders for each homework assignment in the next few days. She will also need a PAC to replace her at the upcoming December 11 Advisory Group meeting because she is unable to attend.

Pamela Van Hine, PAC Representative: [Comprehensive Plan Update](#)

The speaker reviewed the [staff update](#) on the Comprehensive Plan at the recent [Long Range Planning Committee](#) (LRPC) meeting. She reviewed the purpose of Phase 1 of the Update - to write an updated introductory chapter to the plan, with new data, goals, and principles, and emphasized that during this initial phase, the new chapter will NOT change the existing 12 elements, County Vision, zoning, or land use. Yet the update is already controversial; see [this ArlNOW story](#). She reviewed some of the excellent outreach and feedback for the project and encouraged members to read the focus group reports and newsletters under the [project document](#) section. The next update to the LRPC will be in early 2026 with a potential discussion of the draft chapter outline and draft principles.

Discussion: Both of these presentations are examples of major County projects that H. Wang recommended for PAC participation.

David Patton: Staff Updates

- Special GLUP Study for [2847 Wilson Boulevard](#) A GLUP request was submitted for the subject property located at 2847 Wilson Boulevard to amend the Clarendon Revitalization District boundary on the GLUP to include the entire property and to amend the GLUP designation from “Service Commercial” and “Low” Residential (1-10 units/acre) to all “Service Commercial” with a future associated rezoning from C-3 and R-6 to all C-3 to pursue a potential Unified Commercial/Mixed-Use District (“UC/MUD”) use permit. Note that E. Goodman represented the PAC at the LRPC meeting on September 30. The online survey will close November 23.
- [High-Density Pedestrian Concrete Maintenance Program](#): The speaker reported that Jon Lawler oversees this program, which has been inactive since 2005. J. Lawler wants to hire someone to manage the program, but the position needs to be reclassified to a higher level. He would be happy to come to a future PAC meeting once the program is staffed. Consensus was not to send a PAC letter at this time, but D. Patton will reach out to J. Lawler again.
- PAC recruitment brochure: Should it be translated into Spanish? If so, can the PAC meeting be held in Spanish (or have Spanish translation available)?

PAC Business and Look Ahead:

- Approval of [draft minutes](#) from the joint BAC-PAC meeting, Wednesday, October 8, 2026. Motion to approve was seconded, no discussion, no dissent, approved by all PAC members present without edits.
- [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) Update: Per A. Pankaj, the PAC representative on the [Vision Zero External Stakeholder Group](#), the last Vision Zero update was in August, and the PAC received information at the PAC September meeting.
- Opportunities for engagement: P. Van Hine suggested a list and promised to post it online after the meeting, including [Transportation Camp](#) (January 10). D. Patton noted that the [CC2DCA](#) project will have new public engagement in 2026. A. Walker volunteered to serve as PAC champion for the CC2DCA, with P. Van Hine’s support.
- The Acting Chair requested support for sending a letter to the County Manager recommending that all intersections around Gateway Park have protected phases for pedestrians. The PAC supported sending this letter.
- New Chair and Vice Chair: The Acting Chair proposed discussing new leadership at the next meeting. Please consider volunteering to serve as Chair or Vice Chair.
- The Acting Chair requested a substitute PAC representative for the 2nd SPRC for Leckey Gardens, as he needs to attend the Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission. J. Anderson volunteered to attend as the substitute PAC.
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- The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 9PM. The next PAC meeting will be held on December 10. Watch for a draft agenda and login details on the [PAC page](#).