

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Virtual Meeting on TEAMS, December 10, 2025 7PM

Meeting Recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXOsUQRerkk>

ArlNow story:

https://www.arlnow.com/2025/12/16/panel-seeks-solutions-to-snow-on-sidewalks-at-intersections-in-arlington/?mc_cid=32b574cbfd&mc_eid=a9d68b8162

Minutes approved unanimously by PAC members present, January 14, 2026

Attendees: Eric Goodman, Acting Chair; John Armstrong; Don Bennett, ArlNAC Liaison; David Earley, PRC Liaison; Eric Malpeli; David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner; Ambar Pankaj

The Acting Chair called the PAC meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He asked attendees to introduce themselves, note their civic association, and describe their experiences navigating around Arlington when it snows or is icy. Attendees cited some specific locations, such as the access road for Arlington Boulevard by Pershing, as well as general dangerous conditions. Among the cited general problems are that snow plow drivers often push up snow from the streets onto the sidewalks and crossings at intersections; some commercial property owners do not clean up their sidewalks; it's not clear who is responsible for clearing commercial sidewalks; County enforcement of the snow ordinance is lacking; problems are challenging to report; trails are well-maintained by County, but access to the trails are often not cleared. Safe pedestrian crossings at corners, on pedestrian ramps, over curb cuts, and on crosswalks at intersections are impeded by snow and ice, making walking difficult, especially for those with disabilities. The County needs to do a better job on snow removal and enforcement, yet how to fix it is frustrating. VDOT is responsible for some roads, but does a poor job clearing sidewalks and crossings. What are best practices elsewhere?

Eric Goodman: Opportunities for engagement:

- [Waverly Ridge](#): First SPRC January 5, 2026. E. Goodman is listed as the PAC representative on the approved roster; D. Earley, who will represent the PRC, said he could also represent the PAC; A. Pankaj said that he would send thoughts too.
- [Walgreen Site](#): 2nd SPRC is December 18; J. Armstrong, the primary PAC representative, will attend. The civic associations that surround this site have expressed concerns that the intersections have challenges that make this area along Langston Blvd. unsafe and require improvements for safety.
- [Columbia Pike Bike Boulevards](#): Public comments from the October engagement are posted on the project website. Also note possible lowering of speeds from 25 to 20 mph, new all way stops, and high visibility crosswalks. A. Pankaj and D. Bennett will monitor. There will be an additional opportunity for engagement this winter.
- [Three Urban Parks project](#): Feedback due December 21. E. Goodman will cover.
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission 2026/2027 Workplan Update. Comments due on December 19. No one volunteered to comment in the meeting. This opportunity was posted on Engage Arlington.

Brief Update on Commission & Committee activities:

- [ArlNAC](#) (Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee, Don Bennett): ArlNAC has 21 active projects, 14 are for sidewalks, 1 is for streetlights. ArlNAC recently changed how impacted neighbors can "vote". Prior to change, a neighbor had votes determined by the length of their impacted property. With the change, each neighbor now has only one vote. This change should make it easier to get final approval from neighbors.
- [Park and Recreation Commission](#) (David Earley). In Waverly Hills Park a sun structure is being added through ArNAC. Much of the recent PRC meeting discussion focused on the RiverHouse proposal, specifically its impact on Virginia Highland Park, a County hot spot zone for recreation. Note the PRC letter with recommendations for privately owned publicly accessible open spaces. PRC members also discussed updating the PSMP, metrics, and land acquisition. [Drew Park](#), which had pedestrian challenges, was also discussed.
- Vision Zero (Ambar Pankaj): Most recent feedback was in October. Staff prepared outreach programs for safety with the time change. Watch for quick build projects in specific areas and give feedback. Submit ideas for Hot spots. Use [Report-a-Problem/Service Request](#) (RAP) especially for quick build. The next stakeholders meeting is at the end of January; A. Pankaj will provide feedback to the PAC at the February meeting. Attendees noted the recent Washington Post article on Vision Zero. It's often hard to lower fatal and severe crashes. Pushback from drivers continues to be an issue.
- Commission on Aging Liaison soon?

- [NCSC](#) (Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission, Eric Goodman): Members reviewed the prioritized project list. The plan is list.to select ten projects from the large list, and then to create a short list based on viability and funding. The commission also discussed Arlington's Transportation Future homework and reviewed the results of the Shared Streets Pilot analysis.

Eric Goodman: Snow/ice clearing continued:

Poor plowing techniques that plow snow into sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike lanes needs to stop!

Neighborhoods can work together to create a plan for snow removal, with leadership. The County could clear sidewalks with a sweeper; boxes at corners with salt and sand could be used by volunteers. Letter to the County Manager also needs to address the lack of enforcement. Can the PAC keep files of photos which can be shared space on GoogleGroup? We need a key pedestrian network map. Overpasses/bridges and trails also need to be addressed. Can MVT be cleared? When we meet next month, bring snow clearing good ideas. Campaign to have good behavior on snow removal.

D Patton and others: Transportation Updates:

- In response to the Acting Chair's request, County transportation public engagement staff are working on a plan to better inform the PAC on upcoming public engagements. The PAC will also have additional time to prepare responses.
- Arlington County Commuter Services (ACCS) is rebranding as Transportation Resources for Arlington County. TRAC will hire more staff. Mobility Lab is still listed, but is now focusing on TDM.
- Peter Harnik, an early proponent of Rails to Trails, has written a book and released a film on its history, which can be viewed on WETA. He is currently studying if federal funding for active transportation is effective.
- [November PAC meeting draft minutes](#) – entire sidewalk network needs to be completed.
- Consider running for PAC Chair or Vice Chair!
- Public Space Master Plan Update survey was just sent to a random sample of Arlingtonians. A. Pankaj may promote it to the PAC.

Outcomes:

- The Acting Chair informally asked the two new PAC liaisons, Don Bennett (ArINAC) and David Earley (PRC) if they were interested in becoming full PAC members. They both said yes; D. Patton will pursue adding them with County Manager staff.
- The Acting Chair will complete draft letters to the County Manager on the VDOT Star Study (Eastern Langston Blvd) / Gateway Park Crossings and on snow clearing at curb cuts/trail entrances/and bridge sidewalks.

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM. The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Watch the [PAC page](#) for the draft agenda and login details.