

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

Joint BAC-PAC virtual meeting on TEAMS, Wednesday, July 8, 2026 7PM

Minutes, unanimously approved by PAC members present, August 12, 2026

Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WGxnB1QZwk>

PAC Attendees: Ambar Pankaj, Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; John Armstrong; Don Bennett; Jim Feaster; Eric Goodman; Peggy Jones, Commission on Aging Liaison; Patrick Kenney; Eric Malpeli; David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner; Lauren Hassel, WalkArlington and BikeArlington Program Manager

BAC Attendees: Cynthia Palmer, Chair; Dana Bres, Vice Chair; Eric Goodman; Mike Hanna; Megan Jones; Andrew Martin; Aaron Schuetz; Chris Slatt; Randy Swart; Leslie Tierstein; Ryan Traher, Transportation Commission Liaison; Elwyn Gonzalez, Associate Transportation Planner

Other Attendees: Speakers: Chris Leyen, Legislative Affairs Liaison, and Nicole Jackson, Web analyst, Report a Problem/Q Alert; Additional attendees: Dharm Guruswamy; myoffice0358

The BAC and PAC Chairs called the joint meeting to order at 7:04 PM and welcomed BAC-PAC members, staff, and guests. There were no Chair reports or public speakers.

Chris Leyen, Legislative Affairs Liaison, [Intergovernmental Affairs Office](#), County Manager's Office: 2027 Legislative Priorities:

C. Leyen described the County's legislative coordination process and the framework staff use to evaluate proposals (position statement vs. active campaign; urgent, ready, or visionary). The 2027 General Assembly session will be shorter, legislators are limited to 15 bills, and it is a biennial budget year, so the County's package must be finalized early and are expected to be less controversial than during the alternate years. The Board is expected to review a draft package in October and adopt it in November.

Discussion: Members asked about joint vs. separate BAC-PAC submissions (joint filing is acceptable), whether METRO funding remains the top regional priority (it does), and possible state-level approaches to the safety risks posed by increasingly large vehicles. Despite Metro being the top priority, Mr. Leyen said that the real value-added from our committees are the more unique angles that we can add (e.g., specific road safety matters). Members also raised the Idaho stop as a mature topic needing legislator education, and vehicle size-weight-hood height as a longer-term issue that deserves legislative attention, and requested staff feedback on the committees' 2025 legislative recommendations.

Action items:

- C. Leyen will send the Chairs the [Legislative Priorities Input Form](#).
- C. Leyen will review the 2025 BAC-PAC priorities and offer updates and feedback.
- **BAC and PAC will submit legislative ideas via the Input Form by Saturday, August 1.**

Pamela Van Hine and Mike Hanna: PAC and BAC Representatives on the [Arlington's Transportation Future](#) Advisory Group: MTP Update (based upon [Advisory Group Update](#) slides and presentation)

The representatives reported that the draft MTP Update will be released Monday, July 13, with an online feedback form. They suggested the committees focus their review on: strategies, the Pedestrian Priority Map, proposed Pedestrian Clear Zones, multimodal priorities and networks, new street typologies, the draft curb lane hierarchy, and metrics. They noted that design standards are not included in the plan and that details on implementation and metrics remain limited.

Discussion: Members asked about sidewalk maintenance obligations for private development, parking bay depth where buses and trucks block bike lanes, and whether the plan includes lane width, intersection, or signal guidelines (it does not; these are addressed at the project level). Members expressed concerns about intersection safety and the lack of design standards in the MTP. Members were encouraged to comment on elements they support, not only concerns.

Action items:

- Links to the draft MTP and feedback form will be circulated to all members.
- **PAC and BAC members will review the draft MTP before their August meetings and come prepared to discuss recommendations. Committee comments are due September 17.**

David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner, and Nicole Jackson, Report a Problem Manager: The [Report-A-Problem System/QAlert](#)

D. Patton introduced the topic and demonstrated the main Report-a-Problem (RAP) page and the [Data Dashboard for Service Requests](#) - 74,000 requests, 2% safety requests (but transportation requests are broader than the safety requests). N. Jackson described ongoing work to improve the system, including interviews with 19 staff groups about how they use request data.

Discussion: Members' feedback addressed three areas. On the front end: categories need reorganization to fit users' questions such as gathering bike requests together. Drop-down menus often don't fit the issue, an open-ended option is needed, and users should be able to see and add to existing similar requests. On the back end: users receive little feedback, cases are often closed without explanation or resolution, and requests need better routing and interagency coordination. Members also recommended service-level metrics, per-request satisfaction measurement, and a simple way for users to thank staff (for ticketed RAP items and beyond)..

Action items:

- Ms. Jackson will share committee feedback with project staff.
- Mr. Patton will coordinate between BAC-PAC members and RAP staff on improving the user experience including reorganizing request categories.

Eric Malpeli, PAC Representative, and Chris Slatt, BAC Representative: [Special Land Use Study](#) - Potomac Overlook, 1401 Langston Boulevard

C. Slatt explained that the developer is seeking a land use change to allow taller, denser buildings, prompting a Special GLUP Study. The current proposal includes protected bike lanes, a new path behind the site, and several through-site routes, though design guidelines (e.g., snow removal) must be established before the project advances. Known concerns include bike-pedestrian/driver conflict points, excessive curb cuts, and the Custis Trail–Key Bridge access conflict.

Discussion: Members raised safety concerns at N. Oak Street and the counterflow lane to Nash, suggested extending the proposed Gateway Park bridge to Lynn Street and improving the Lynn-Langston intersection as part of the project, noted possible MWAA/FAA height concerns, and emphasized designing a place where pedestrians want to be. Members requested that the BAC have a seat in future SPRC/GLUP reviews

BAC-PAC Business and Announcements:

- *PAC Business:* Approval of May 13, 2026 PAC minutes and [June 10, 2026 PAC Walking Meeting Notes](#). On separate motions, duly seconded, PAC members present voted **unanimously to approve** (1) the May 13, 2026 PAC minutes and (2) the June 10, 2026 PAC Walking Meeting notes.
- *David Patton: WalkArlington Update:* Adult bike classes with WABA, three group rides, 1,800 Bike to Work Day registrants, upcoming Arlington County Fair presence, and a new Walkabout brochure.
- PAC Chair: Vision Zero [Updated plan](#). The 2026–2030 Vision Zero Action Plan Update incorporates PAC input, with new metrics across engineering, engagement, policy, funding, behavior, and e-bike topics.
 - [Updated Quick Build Site/ Map:](#)
 - [HIN Audit](#) and 2026 detail: Carlin Springs Rd from 2nd St N to 7th Rd S/County line Sept 2026: Langston Blvd from N Oakland St to N Barton St Nov/Dec 2026: N Glebe Rd from 14th St N to N Woodstock St
- PAC Chair: [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Regional Funding Recommendations](#) Of Arlington's 13 submitted projects, NVTa recommended 10 for funding; Arlington Memorial Trail, George Mason Drive, and Courthouse Metro were not recommended. See [ARLNow story](#) on funding results.

- PAC Chair and BAC Chair/Members: [Arlington Boulevard](#) and [S. George Mason Drive](#) Trail Projects: Staff encouraged committee comments on these missing-link trail projects by **July 24**. The PAC-approved comment letter will be sent July 9; the BAC letter is planned for the following week, informed by M. Hanna's and R. Swart's site reviews.

Public Engagements:

- [S. Four Mile Run Drive Complete Streets](#) - from S. George Mason Drive to Walter Reed Drive. The PAC Chair encouraged attendees to complete the survey by today's deadline.
- **Fort Myer Drive, Wilson Boulevard and Lynn Street Transportation Improvement Projects – Open House July 16:** Share your experiences and ideas to inform concept designs for improvements along Fort Myer Drive, Wilson Boulevard, and Lynn Street. Join staff to learn about the projects, talk with staff, and provide feedback. An online feedback opportunity will be available after the event.

The Chairs adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM. The next BAC meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026. The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, and will include discussion of the draft MTP Update. Visit the [PAC webpage](#) for details on login and draft agenda.