

**Critical Crash Mitigation Campaign: Help Us Curb Drunk Driving**

# The leading cause of traffic deaths in Arlington is drunk driving.

We can all do something about it.



Since 2022, alcohol has been a factor in 75% of fatal injury crashes in Arlington. Alcohol impairs a person's ability to think, delays responses, and reduces coordination—all skills we need to safely operate a vehicle. This holiday season, [see how you can stop drunk driving and save lives.](#)



Throughout December, the Vision Zero team been sharing this campaign theme in partnership with the Arlington County Police Department's [Arlington Restaurant Initiative](#). We've gone out to local bars and restaurants to distribute coasters and posters with the campaign message and QR code to the anti-drunk driving resources page. Please help share and save lives.

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## **Projects Corner**

### 2024 [High-Injury Network Safety Audits](#):

- [N Henderson Rd Safety Audit](#) (Jan 2024)
- [S Courthouse Rd Safety Audit](#) (Mar 2024)
- [N Monroe St Safety Audit](#) (May 2024)
- [Wilson Blvd Safety Audit](#) (Jul 2024)
- S Walter Reed Dr Safety Audit (Sept 2024 – pending documentation)
- Columbia Pike Safety Audit (Nov 2024 – pending documentation)

### Recent [Quick-Build Safety Projects](#):

- Clarendon Blvd & N Troy St – [Project Sheet](#)
- N Glebe Rd & Washington Blvd – Project sheet coming soon
- Wilson Blvd & N Oak St – Installation in progress, Tactical Improvements
- 1402 S George Mason Dr RRFB – Installation in progress, new signage
- S George Mason Dr & 12<sup>th</sup> St S – Under Construction
- Wilson Blvd & N Danville St – Installation in progress, bollards coming soon
- N Williamsburg Blvd & N Harrison Centerline Hardening – **Project sheet coming soon**
- Military Rd & Lorcrom Ln Centerline Hardening – **Project Sheet coming soon**
- S Eads St & 23<sup>rd</sup> St S Centerline Hardening – **Project Sheet coming soon**
- Wilson Blvd & N Highland St Centerline Hardening – **Project Sheet coming soon**
- Wilson Blvd & N Barton St Centerline Hardening – **Project Sheet coming soon**

### Recent [Pilot Safety Projects](#):

- [Hardened Centerlines Pilot](#) – The pilot resulted in reductions in speeding, improved vehicle positioning, and positive community feedback. Hardened centerlines will now be considered as a typical quick-build safety treatment in Arlington—see five new, recent installations listed above.
- [Tactical Speed Humps in School Slow Zones Pilot](#) – Data collection and analysis is currently underway to expand pilot to more school slow zones in 2025. Public engagement scheduled for January 2025.
- [Tactical Bus Loading Platform at S Glebe Rd & S Old Glebe Rd](#) – Before/after data collection and analysis currently underway. Public engagement scheduled for January 2025.

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## Capital-Driven Safety Projects Updates:

- [N George Mason Dr and N Park Dr](#) – Construction is underway. During the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> the right lane will be closed due to construction.
- [Lorcom Lane Safety Project](#) – [Final concept design](#) is available

## **Arlington Photo SPEED Program Expansion 2025**



Arlington is expanding the [Speed Safety Camera Program \(PhotoSpeed\)](#) in January 2025 to eight additional school zone locations in the county:

- NB 700 block of N George Mason Dr
- NB 1600 block of N Glebe Rd
- WB 4100 block of Lorcom Ln
- SB 2500 block of S Arlington Ridge Rd
- EB 5800 block of Williamsburg Blvd
- SB 1000 block of N McKinley Rd
- EB 3500 block of 2nd St S
- NB 1600 block of N Veitch St

PhotoSPEED locations are selected using safety data—see the [Vision Zero Automated Safety Enforcement page](#) for more information on site selection.

The PhotoSPEED program launched in August at the beginning of the 2024-2025 academic year with 10 cameras in various school zones throughout Arlington County. Since September 2024, 10,721 speeding violations have been reported by speed safety cameras.

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Warnings at the eight expansion locations will start Monday, January 6, 2025, the first day back to school for Arlington Public Schools. Tickets and fines will begin February 5, 2024.

For more information on the expansion efforts view the [PhotoSPEED Program Expansion info sheet](#).

### **Online Feedback S Glebe Rd & 9th St. S. Improvements**



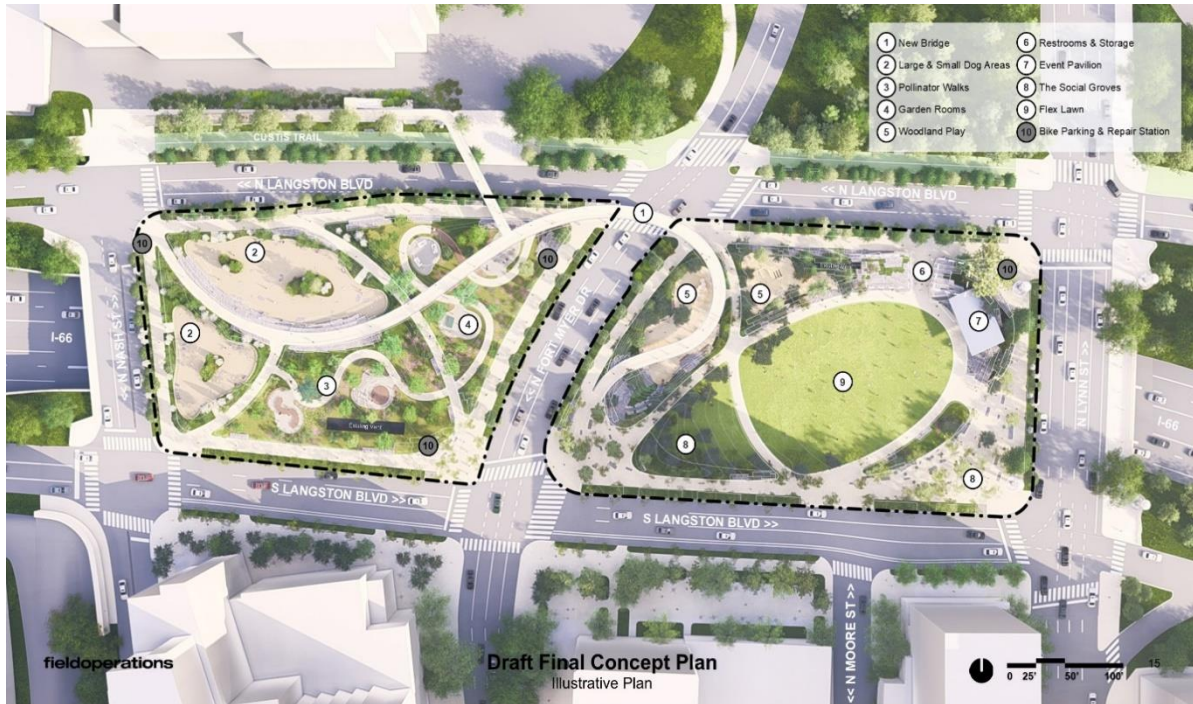
The [S Glebe Rd and 9th St S Intersection Improvement Project](#) team is collecting feedback on their [final design concept](#). The project objective is to add multimodal safety improvements at the intersection of S Glebe Road and 9<sup>th</sup> Street S. The final concept for comment includes:

- Addition of a traffic signal,
- Curb extensions at all corners to shorten crossing distances and increase visibility for people crossing,
- Three marked, high-visibility crosswalks in addition to the one existing south side crosswalk,
- Widened refuge medians on S. Glebe Road, and
- Removal of trees/vegetation with guidance from the County's Urban Forester to improve sight lines.

[View the project page](#) for additional details and [share your feedback by Sunday, December 22.](#)

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## Gateway Park Master Plan Approved



The [Park Master Plan](#) for the soon to be renovated [Gateway Park](#) was [approved by the County Board](#) on December 14. Thank you to those who participated in the three public engagement checkpoints this year and shared feedback on transportation safety in the planning process.

The project Park Master Plan and Design Guidelines identifies the conceptual design and timeline for the redesign of the park, as well as references ongoing capital projects and Vision Zero work at adjacent intersections to improve crossing safety to and from the park. For example, the county [recently applied safety improvements at the intersection of Eastbound Langston Blvd and Fort Myer Dr](#). We will continue to move forward safety improvements in combination with upcoming safety projects and site plans in the Gateway Park area.

## New Traffic Pattern at Wilson Blvd & N Nelson St

This December we will implement [left turn and through restrictions at Wilson Blvd & N Nelson St](#) for both northbound and southbound N Nelson St to reduce turning vehicle conflicts. This [quick-build safety project](#) was identified due to a left turn/through crash pattern identified through the [2024 Wilson Blvd High-Injury Network safety audit](#). Drivers may now route to or across Wilson Boulevard using the adjacent signalized intersections at North Monroe Street to the east or North Oakland Street to the west.



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Visit [the Vision Zero Safety Projects page](#) to learn more about safety-driven quick builds, capital projects, pilot projects, High-Injury Network safety audits, and more.

Also, [check out our Crash Dashboard](#) that shows crash data over the last 10 years, how and where we implement safety tools from the multimodal safety toolbox, our various safety initiatives, speed reduction corridors, and where we are doing outreach/engagement.