

Army Navy Country Club (ANCC) Trail Connector

Preliminary Design Alternatives Community Meeting

April 27, 2022, 7-8:30pm

Q&A Transcript

Please note: Timestamps roughly correspond to the meeting recording. To hear the conversation related to a given question, please view the meeting recording and move to the approximate time in the video (Example: Recording begins at 7pm, so a question from 7:55pm would be found at around 55min into the recording)

Identity	Timestamp	Content
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:07:38 PM	Is this being recorded? I'm taking notes with Pam Van Hine for some civic associations
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:07:51 PM	Yes - a recording will be posted to the project web page later tonight or early tomorrow.(Is this being recorded? I'm taking notes with Pam Van Hine for some civic associations)
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:11:26 PM	I am not in it all i see os the live event has not started
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:12:02 PM	could you try exiting and rejoining the meeting?(I am not in it all i see os the live event has not started)
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:15:37 PM	I was in before start and the presentation did not allow a start until after I log in and log out.
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:16:25 PM	Apologies for the inconvenience. I'm not sure what would have caused that. We'll have a recording posted to the project page either later tonight or early tomorrow to catch up on what you missed.(I was in before start and the presentation did not allow a start until after I log in and log out.)
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:26:57 PM	Could you repeat the estimated cost for Concept 1? Thanks.
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:27:17 PM	Current preliminary estimates put concept 1 at approximately \$11 million(Could you repeat the estimated cost for Concept 1? Thanks.)
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:29:16 PM	Why are no questions allowed in this meeting?
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:31:02 PM	We're taking questions throughout and will be addressing them using this feature at the end of the presentation. Submit your questions as they come up and we'll address them in order during Q&A.(Why are no questions allowed in this meeting?)
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:31:59 PM	Oh! The new staircase next to Ohio Drive? I hadn't seen that. Thanks for sharing.(Paul P. (Unverified) asked "Comment not a question - there's a runnel on the DC side of the 14th St. Bridge")
Paul P. (Unverified)	7:32:04 PM	Comment not a question - there's a runnel on the DC side of the 14th St. Bridge

Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	7:36:09 PM	I meant runnel not tunnel(Stephen Hughes (Unverified) asked "Has DES engaged in an ADA analysis of this stair and tunnel concept? Has it determined how a user in a wheelchair will utilize this option. How far will a wheelchair user have to travel to fin an alternate, I would guess at least 2.5 miles.")
Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	7:34:09 PM	How do I post publicly?
Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	7:34:58 PM	I want the ADA question asked publicly
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:35:46 PM	It will be, I assure you.(Stephen Hughes (Unverified) asked "I want the ADA question asked publicly ")
Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	7:40:02 PM	I don't have the ability to post publicly on iOS (Stephen Hughes (Unverified) asked "I want the ADA question asked publicly ")
Gillian (Unverified)	7:35:07 PM	If the County goes ahead with a facility that doesn't accomodate all users, can the County negotiate passage through the country club for those who can't use the facility (e.g. if you go with stairs, can cargo bikes use the road through the country club)?
Gillian (Unverified)	7:36:31 PM	How would Arlington mitigate personal security concerns in a high walls concept? Would we be concerned about children or individual people being vulnerable in that space?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:38:32 PM	If this is expected to support students walking to Hoff-Boston, what additional safety measures or infrastructure will be provided to support safe access to the path (sidewalks) and dealing with blind spots and speeders for crossing ARMY navy Dr.? Also does it keep the walkability to under a mile for students?
Gillian (Unverified)	7:39:19 PM	Also, how does the stairs concept accommodate ebikes? Bikes with trailers? Cargo bikes?
Gillian (Unverified)	7:39:21 PM	Has Arlington considered that the prevalence of ebikes makes the grade less of an issue?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:42:22 PM	What if ANCC increased the easement?
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	7:43:02 PM	Since the country club is more than 500 acres, why can't we have enough room to have a more gradual slope with a winding trail?
Paul P. (Unverified)	7:45:06 PM	In previous versions of this path, it continued much farther along the boundary of the Country Club and the developments to the north. Has that been scrapped?
Gillian (Unverified)	7:46:14 PM	If the County goes ahead with a facility that doesn't accomodate all users, can the County negotiate passage through the country club for those who can't use the facility (e.g. if you go with stairs, can cargo bikes use the road through the country club)?
Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	7:47:09 PM	Can I please have my question asked

Anonymous (Unverified)	7:47:48 PM	Is there any interest from Amazon into helping with funding since this trail could help connect them to housing for their employees?
Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	7:49:15 PM	Has DES engaged in an ADA analysis of this stair and tunnel concept? Has it determined how a user in a wheelchair will utilize this option. How far will a wheelchair user have to travel to find an alternate, I would guess at least 2.5 miles.
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	7:50:07 PM	How does this design meet any requirements under the Americans With Disabilities Act?
Chris Slatt (Unverified)	7:51:53 PM	Would the slope of the steep trail concept meet the requirements of the ADA?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:53:08 PM	Is there a plan or desire to connect this trail to the trail on the north end of Washington Boulevard? If so, how?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:53:49 PM	How much usage do you anticipate for this project and does the project terminate at the underpass at 395?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:55:37 PM	If this is expected to support students walking to Hoff-Boston, what additional safety measures or infrastructure will be provided to support safe access to the path (sidewalks) and dealing with blind spots and speeders for crossing ARMY navy Dr.? Also does it keep the walkability to under a mile for students?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:02:53 PM	We can't hear you
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:02:55 PM	Can the path be closed at night to mitigate crime?
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	8:03:24 PM	Since this appears to be such an undesirable proposal, have you looked at cantilevering a trail alongside the flyover from Shirley Highway to Arlington Ridge Road. This would need only a short extension to make it over to the Carver Center and 13th Street.
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	8:04:45 PM	What about a large-volume elevator, similar to the elevators at the Friendship Heights Metro Station? To be located at the Memorial Drive side.
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	8:06:17 PM	That beautiful set of stairs you showed from Amsterdam looks completely different than what you showed for the country club. Is there room for such a gradual incline?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:07:34 PM	Was eminent domain considered?
Marianne (Unverified)	8:08:10 PM	Were any of the amenity features shown in the examples assumed for option 2? It would make a big difference, for example, if there were resting landings incorporated at frequent intervals. Thanks in advance for your answer.
Michael Dowell (Unverified)	8:09:16 PM	Will the road have street lights or low level lighting - sorry if you have already covered this, joined late
Chris Slatt (Unverified)	8:10:16 PM	Is there an opportunity to integrate public art into this project? It could help increase the number of people using the facility which would help with safety.
Paul P. (Unverified)	8:11:13 PM	Apologies if I missed this, but what is the anticipated completion date for construction. When will we be able to use it?

Gordon (Unverified)	8:12:11 PM	Do you budget for project cost to escalate by the time you get the construction phase? More than if breaking ground today?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:12:20 PM	If the funding is already budgeted for this project and we don't need Amazon's money, does that mean the higher cost option could move forward without any issues?
Gordon (Unverified)	8:12:52 PM	Thanks, Nate.
Gordon (Unverified)	8:16:53 PM	If you create stairs, can signs be added so that novice bike riders know to use the runnels? I didn't know what they were until this yr, after 20 yrs riding.
Chris Slatt (Unverified)	8:18:35 PM	Are there examples of treatments or design strategies that could be used in the Steep Trail concept to discourage those on wheels from reaching unsafe speeds coming down the hill?
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	8:19:44 PM	Video: How to Use a Runnel - Pittsburgh
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	8:19:47 PM	https://bikepgh.org/2018/11/20/how-to-use-a-runnel/ (Nate Graham asked "Video: How to Use a Runnel - Pittsburgh")
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	8:21:28 PM	Since this appears to be such an undesirable proposal, have you looked at cantilevering a trail alongside the flyover from Shirley Highway to Arlington Ridge Road. This would need only a short extension to make it over to the Carver Center and 13th Street.
pvh (Unverified)	8:24:04 PM	How long, in feet, approximately - are both trail options? - for steps -runnel - about how many typical flights of stairs is it equivalent to (e.g. 1-2 flights, 10 flights, or ? A few flights is fine - 10 or more might be a challenge...)
Stephen Hughes (Unverified)	8:24:06 PM	What is the A-B elevation change and what is the linear run?
Jeff Williams (Unverified)	8:24:32 PM	The audio has dropped out for me
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	8:28:31 PM	has it come back?(Jeff Williams (Unverified) asked "The audio has dropped out for me")
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:29:49 PM	Does this increase unnecessary/unwanted additional foot traffic by the elementary school? The school is fairly protected currently. Is the school system ok with additional people traffic by the playgrounds?
Gordon (Unverified)	8:32:18 PM	People need transportation at all hours of the day, so please do not create operating hours. Light the trail. Put up APD cameras, etc.
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:32:46 PM	Is ANCC concerned about increased trespassing with this additional expected traffic right at their front door?
Jeff Williams (Unverified)	8:33:00 PM	Yes, after I reconnected. Seems that my mouse scroll wheel activates mute.
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	8:33:44 PM	ok good! A recording will be posted after the meeting if you need to catch up later.(Jeff Williams (Unverified) asked "Yes, after I reconnected. Seems that my mouse scroll wheel activates mute.")
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:34:19 PM	Can a meeting be held directly with nearby impacted neighbors to ensure their concerns are heard?

Chris Slatt (Unverified)	8:36:21 PM	To work as a school route, it would need to function in all types of weather. Would one of these design concepts be more amenable to snow clearing?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:38:05 PM	How close to the ANCC Green does the easement come
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	8:43:24 PM	Per Google Earth measurements - i.e. not for construction - there is an estimated 60 feet between the western edge of the easement and the end of the tree line to the golf course.(How close to the ANCC Green does the easement come)
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:39:56 PM	I would really like to see how much community interest there is in the project
Paul P. (Unverified)	8:40:07 PM	Thank you to the two of you for doing this. Very informative. Lots of challenges.
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:40:27 PM	Unfortunately tax revenue is at record levels and everyone is looking to spend it
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:40:44 PM	You do not have to address my issues- just remember them for the next sessions
Natasha Atkins (Unverified)	8:41:28 PM	As a way to get from the Pentagon City area , or even much of the Arlington Ridge neighborhood, to the Arlington View neighborhood, isn't Columbia Pike a better possibility for not having so much grade change?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:44:52 PM	I'm just going to note that I don't think this is an undesirable proposal
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:45:09 PM	I don't envision undesirable pedestrian traffic from people hiking up a hill from one neighborhood to the next. I also agree that keeping the trail open at all hours is important.
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:45:30 PM	Are the walls/fences around ANCC expected to be sufficient for preventing pedestrians from being struck by golf balls or is the path far enough away to avoid it?
Jeff Williams (Unverified)	8:46:42 PM	Is a bike facility anticipated on the re-aligned Columbia Pike next to Arlington National Cemetery?
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	8:47:10 PM	https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/projects/va/st-anc-1 (Jeff Williams (Unverified) asked "Is a bike facility anticipated on the re-aligned Columbia Pike next to Arlington National Cemetery?")
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:48:23 PM	It is Red 5 and balls should not be a problem. I am a ANCC member
Peter Harnik (Unverified)	8:48:39 PM	Thank you very much -- great presentation and discussion.
Michael Dowell (Unverified)	8:48:52 PM	Is there a way to provide trail users with vistas over ANCC while attending to ANCCs security concerns?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:51:28 PM	Thank you! This was very informative. I live in Arlington View and have been looking forward to this trail for years. YEARS! I'm so excited.
pvh (Unverified)	8:51:29 PM	THANKS so much for a great and informative meeting - and for staying on to answer all of our questions.
Natasha Atkins (Unverified)	8:51:30 PM	Thanks for a really well-run meeting and well-articulated information.
Marianne (Unverified)	8:51:55 PM	Thanks for the really informative meeting.

