

### **Safety Pilot**

# Community Input Summary

#### What is Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. In 2021, the Arlington County Board adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan to achieve our goal of zero traffic-related serious injuries or fatalities by the year 2030. Visit our website to learn more.

#### Number of responses: 91

#### Who we heard from ...

- 96% live in Arlington
- 14% work in Arlington
- 87% typically walk
- 24% typically use a personal vehicle
- 11% typically use transit
- 26% typically use a bicycle





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#### N Oak Street Walkability Pilot Project

#### **Project Description**

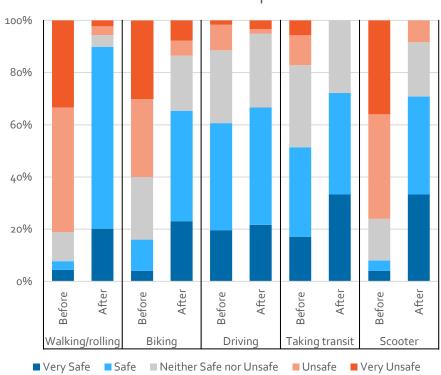
The County is piloting a protected walking path for people walking on N. Oak Street between Clarendon Blvd. and 17th St. N using temporary parking restrictions and movable barriers. The pedestrian pathway is created by adding a barrier between the travel lane and the curb. This slightly narrows the southbound lane.

#### **Summary of Feedback**

In late 2022, we asked the community for input on the pilot:

- Overall responses showed large increases in feelings of safety. There were no modes where respondents felt less safe.
- The difference may be most pronounced for people who walk or roll – before the pilot, only 10% reported feeling "safe" or "very safe," but after the pilot, this total reached nearly 90%.

## Feelings About Safety Before & After Pilot Implementation



Learn more about Arlington County Vision Zero at transportation.arlingtonva.us/vision-zero/



#### Open Comments Summary

When asked to elaborate on their responses, many people expressed that they felt safer walking and/or riding a bicycle with the pilot condition.

When asked, "Is there anything else you'd like to add about this project for staff to know?" many comments emphasized that they would like the barriers to be permanent, though several requested a more aesthetically-appealing barrier.

There were also requests for a sidewalk be installed and more space for bicycles on N. Oak St.

#### **Next Steps**

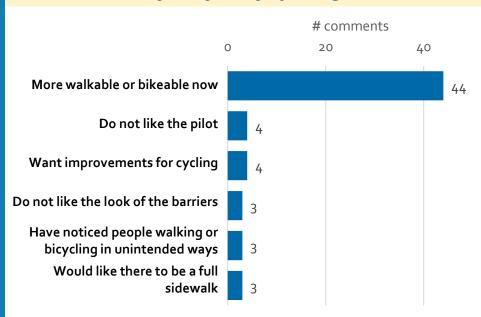
Because this project improved safety metrics and increased feelings of safety among respondents, the County will evaluate the possibility of a sidewalk construction project as part of the FY25/26 Capital Improvement Plan budgeting process. In addition, the County will collaborate with the Rosslyn BID to identify options for improving the aesthetics of the barriers in the short term.

Check the <u>Vision Zero pilot page</u> for updates.

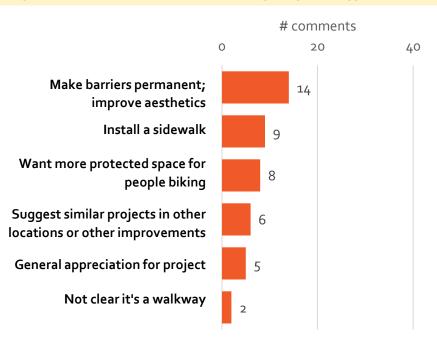


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Top responses to open-ended question related to before/after safety ratings



Top responses to question asking, "Is there anything else you'd like to add about this project for staff to know?"



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