

RECOMMENDED NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT RANKING GUIDELINES
Accepted by the Arlington County Board on July 21, 2020
Revised by the Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission December 5, 2022

I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A. Sidewalk Conditions:

1. No complete sidewalks on either side of street (12 points)
OR
2. A complete sidewalk on one side of street, but with an inadequate width or obstructed sidewalk on either side of the street based on the guidelines adopted in the MTP Streets Element (6 points)
3. A complete sidewalk on at least one side of street, but no curb ramp(s) (2 points)

B. Traffic Hazards & Safety:

1. Reported crash(es)¹ within the past 48 months (4 points per crash, maximum 8 points)
2. Reported crash(es) include physical injury (additional 4 to 6 points per crash with injury based on severity, maximum 12 points)

Score of Group I A + B=

Minimum score required to progress to criterion C = 8 points

C. Speed & Volume:

1. Existence of a speeding problem as defined below (8 points)
2. Street traffic volumes above 1,000 ADT (4 points)
3. Street traffic volumes between 500 and 1,000 ADT (2 points)

Score of Group I A + B + C=

Minimum score required to qualify for the NCS program = 12 points

II. ADDITIONAL STREET UTILIZATION CRITERIA (to be applied to projects that meet the minimum Eligibility Criteria)

A. Pedestrian Attractors/Generators and Connectivity

1. Within three-quarters of a mile of Metrorail station (4 points)
2. Within one-half mile of elementary school, and three-quarters of a mile of secondary schools (4 points per school, maximum 12 points)
3. School bus stop on the street segment (2 points)
4. Within one-quarter mile of a transit bus stop (ART or Metrobus) (up to 3 points based on utilization)
5. Within one half-mile of private/commercial shopping or office development (1-3 points based on intensity of development)

¹ "Crashes" include automobile collisions with bicycles or pedestrians.

6. Within one half-mile of a civic building (post office, library, community center, hospital etc.) (3 points)
 7. Within 500' of a public park (3 points)
- B. Mapped Bicycle Route
1. Street designated as an on-street bicycle route (blue line) or bike lane/sharrows (black line) on the Arlington Bikeway Map (3 points)
 2. Street section intersects with or connects to a multi-use trail (3 points)
 3. Street section intersects with an on-street bicycle route or bike lane/sharrows designated on the Arlington Bikeway Map (1 point)
 4. Capital Bikeshare Station within one-quarter mile (2 points)
- C. Land Use / GLUP Designation
1. Commercial / mixed use (5 points)
 2. 37 to 72 dwelling units per acre (5 points)
 3. 16 to 36 dwelling units per acre (4 points)
 4. 11 to 15 dwelling units per acre (3 points)
- D. Equity Areas (5 points)

Score Group II A + B + C + D =

Total Score Group I + Group II =

Notes:

Any project that was not approved through the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) program process or was withdrawn therefrom is disqualified for consideration by the Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission (NCS) for four years after the date of such disapproval or withdrawal. For this purpose, any project disqualified from consideration by the NCSC must contain at least 50% of the scope (as defined in dollars) of the disapproved or withdrawn NC project.

The County staff, NCSC and the County Board shall welcome and give due consideration to a public survey, postcard ballot, petition or other written manifestation of community sentiment, including, in particular, from those individuals who reside closest to the various proposed elements of the project.

A “speeding problem” exists when the 85th percentile speed on the affected street/s is 5 mph or more above the posted speed limit for at least a period of 24 hours or another appropriate time period determined by Staff. In other words, more than 15 percent of the drivers on the street exceed the posted limit by 5 mph. Vertical traffic calming measures may be considered when 85th percentile speeds are 7 miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit.

NCS Project Evaluation Criteria

Group I	
A. Sidewalk Conditions	
No complete sidewalks (12)	
OR Narrow or obstructed (6)	
Missing curb ramps (2)	
B. Traffic Hazards/Safety	
Reported crash past 48 months (4 points per crash, max 8)	
Crash with Physical Injury (additional 4-6 points per crash, max 12)	
Minimum total Group I A + B (minimum 8 points)	
C. Speed & Volume	
Speeding Problem (8)	
Traffic Volumes above 1,000 per day (4)	
Traffic Volumes between 500 and 1,000 (2)	
Total Group I A+B+C: (minimum 12 points)	

Group II	
A. Pedestrian attractors	
3/4 mile to Metrorail (4)	
1/2 mile to ES; 3/4 mile to MS/HS (4 points per school, max 12)	
School bus stop (2)	
1/4 mile to bus stop (1-3)	
1/2 mile to shopping/office (1-3)	
1/2 mile to civic building (3)	
within 500' of a park (3)	
B. Mapped Bike Routes	
Designated on bike map (3)	
Connects with trail (3)	
Connects to bike route (1)	
CaBi station w/in 1/4 mile (2)	
C. Land Use/GLUP	
Commercial/mixed use (5)	
37+ dwelling units (5)	
16-36 dwelling units (4)	
11-15 dwelling units (3)	
D. Equity Areas (5)	
Total Group II A+B+C	
OVERALL TOTAL	

Notes:

Minimum Group I Score Required to Qualify for NCS Program = 12 points

Crashes include automobile collisions with bicycles or pedestrians