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Wilson Blvd at N. Rhodes Street Safety Project - Concept Design

Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS	SUBSCRIBERS
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You are a (select all that apply):

96%	Resident of Arlington	47 ✓
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22%	Commuter Through Arlington	11 ✓
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49 Respondents

How would your feelings about safety using this intersection change if the concept design was implemented as shown?

Provide your answer for each of the forms of transportation shown below:

Riding a Bike	26% Much Safer	50% Safer	11% Neutral / Unchanged	- Less Safe	2% Much Less Safe	9% Not Applicable	2% Not Sure
Walking / Rolling	39% Much Safer	50% Safer	7% Neutral / Unchanged	- Less Safe	2% Much Less Safe	2% Not Applicable	- Not Sure
Using a Scooter	21% Much Safer	29% Safer	10% Neutral / Unchanged	- Less Safe	5% Much Less Safe	31% Not Applicable	5% Not Sure
Taking Public Transit	18% Much Safer	49% Safer	20% Neutral / Unchanged	- Less Safe	2% Much Less Safe	11% Not Applicable	- Not Sure
Driving a personal vehicle	20% Much Safer	40% Safer	22% Neutral / Unchanged	4% Less Safe	4% Much Less Safe	9% Not Applicable	- Not Sure

46 responses

Use the space below to share any other input you have about the concept design.

The bus stop island, pedestrian refuge, curb extensions, and expanded sidewalks all sound great. The only concern I have is, will there be enough space for protected bicycle lanes on both sides of Rhodes street? I personally don't mind bicycling on the sidewalk, but I do mind bicycling in the road; I most enjoy bicycling in protected bicycle lanes.

5/5/2025

Protecting the bike lane in this intersection is key. Deconflicting the bus stop & the bike lane will lead to improvements for all users. One thing I will note on some of the other bus stop islands on this road is to make sure however the bike lane goes behind the island that it is smoother for bike riders than the bumps that are installed just west of here. The pedestrian crossing to the bus island should have a long ramp up and down for smooth bike travel.

5/3/2025

a much ado about nothing and waste of money as usual. Making this more than it needs to be.

5/2/2025

The improved bikes lanes on Wilson just west of this intersection are great for biker protection and safety.

5/2/2025

My family and I live two blocks from this intersection and we constantly walk, bike, and drive through there, as well as boarding the 38B at the bus stop. I appreciate the proposed changes and expect they will make the intersection safer. I hope the County will also consider the issue of cars speeding on Rhodes St between Wilson and Langston Blvd (starting just north of this intersection). But these changes will help with this intersection itself - thank you!

5/2/2025

This looks great! Love the bus island. Love the pedestrian refuge, love the improved sightlines. Please make sure that the sidewalk expansion in the southeast corner leaves enough remaining space for protected bike lanes on the east side of Rhodes Street as well. We need protected bike lanes on both sides of Rhodes Street!

5/2/2025

This is a much needed improvement to the Rhodes-Wilson Blvd intersection. I bike and drive through this intersection frequently. The floating bus island is essential for improving safety and reducing the conflict between cyclists and buses. I am also strongly in favor of a protected bike lane along N. Rhodes Street, which would markedly improve safety not only for cyclists, but also for motor vehicles and pedestrians. I support the concept design, which should reduce vehicle speeds and improve the safety profile and accessibility for all users of what is currently a potentially hazardous intersection.

5/1/2025

Make sure that the bike lanes are protected bike lanes, not sharrows. Also, the bus island should be moved out like you've done at the intersection of Clarendon Blvd and N Pierce St.

4/30/2025

Will the sidewalk west of the bus shelter be expanded? It's quite narrow and the street signs impinge on some of the space. Also several neighbors use the current bus shelter as home base.

4/30/2025

This looks great and would be a huge improvement. I love the bus island and the improved sightlines. As you continue designing, please ensure that the sidewalk expansion in the southeast corner leaves enough remaining space for protected bike lanes on the east side of Rhodes Street as well. We need protected bike lanes on both sides of Rhodes Street!

4/30/2025

This looks like a set of helpful improvements. Please make sure that the sidewalk expansion in the southeast corner leaves enough remaining space for protected bike lanes on the east side of Rhodes Street as well. We need protected bike lanes on both sides of Rhodes.

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4/29/2025

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4/29/2025

This is an urban street intersection and priority should be given to people walking, biking, and riding a bus. It should reduce automobile speeds and reckless driving -- particularly at intersections. The proposed plan does a good job of meeting these objectives

4/29/2025

Add raised crosswalk crossing rhodes

4/29/2025

Worried drivers will hit the curb (due to driving fast) and hit pedestrians waiting to cross. Can you add a hard bollard at the 1) NW corner (for cars turning left only wilson), 2) SW corner for cars going straight on wilson and swerving left, 3) NE corner for those either turning right onto rhodes going north or right from wilson to rhodes going north.

4/29/2025

For the SW corner, for bikes going southbound on Rhodes, is it possible to create a protected intersection and a floating island rather than have bikes be next to the travel lane then curve back in. This will also reduce crossing distances for pedestrians and not lose any space for any users. It will make biking here safer. The design does this on Wilson already

4/29/2025

Love the design overall. It creates an intersection that is designed appropriately for the area and usage.

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4/28/2025

I drive northbound through this intersection on Rhodes Street every morning on my way to work. I often get gas at the gas station. If I stop at Safeway in Rosslyn in the afternoon on my way home from work, I drive through the intersection and turn from westbound Wilson to southbound Rhodes. On evenings and weekends, I walk and bike through this intersection to shops in Rosslyn and Courthouse. I HIGHLY support the island bus stop, as this will dramatically decrease conflict between me and bus traffic as I bike uphill toward Courthouse. I also support the curb extension on the northeast corner, because car traffic often turns into me as I bike and walk west on Wilson. As I driver, I have some concern about sightlines on the northbound Rhodes, because angled parking farther north on Rhodes makes the road narrow and visibility poor. I worry about getting squeezed or clipped by cars and trucks in the north crosswalk as we travel north-south on Rhodes. As a driver and biker, I worry about car circulation into and out of the gas station. Traffic can be unpredictable in that area. To fix this, please use protected bike lanes. I support the undergrounding of utilities, they make that intersection cramped and industrial and unpleasant. Please take care to synchronize the traffic lights between Clarendon and Wilson with leading pedestrian signals, because impatient commuters go very fast through that intersection to get northbound to 66 or southbound to 50.

4/26/2025

These improvements look like they will make this a much safer and more pleasant intersection, especially in the area near the gas station. I look forward to seeing the improvements!

4/25/2025

Why is there no physically protected bike lane? If you want cycling to be safe there should be a physical barrier between cars and bikes much like the curb is a physical barrier for pedestrians. The improvements are in the right direction but I would like to see raised pedestrian crossings too.

4/25/2025

I have lived right next to this intersection for 13 years. I walk and bike here every day, and turn at this corner on my commute. I do not believe this plan is it a wise use of taxpayer funding. The assessment of it being unsafe is not correct relative to my experience, and there are hundreds of similar intersections throughout the Wilson corridor. I do not believe that these changes will make any fundamental changes to safety. When turning right from Wilson onto Rhodes, the fundamental issue is bikers coming up quickly on the bike lane. This plan will not address that issue. The expanded walkway near the gas station is also unnecessary since there is no right turn onto Wilson at that corner. While there is limited visibility from the pedestrian crossing from the gas station to Rhodeside Grill, bumping out the walkway will encourage more jaywalking against the light without solving the visibility issue. I can see the conflict without a bus island, though the buses could simply stop in the lane rather than pull to the side. The island itself doesn't contribute to that solution. This plan seems to be a solution in search of a problem.

4/25/2025

I'm impressed and like the suggestions. We've waited for almost ten years for resolution of this area. I'm glad that they've kept the bus stop to the west of the intersection.

4/25/2025

Will the work be done before or after Rhodeside Grill and Il Radicchio are razed and that block is redeveloped?

4/25/2025

I support the design as proposed, as a biker who turns left from Rhodes --> Wilson, this would make cycling in the area safer.

4/24/2025

Arlington continues to add signage, poles etc in the road making things more complex and confusing. More leading green arrows might help more.

4/24/2025

If pedestrians would adhere to the "Don't Walk" signals many of the issues would be solved. Scooters are vehicles and should follow the rules of the road even in bike lanes.

4/24/2025

floating bus islands are absolute game changers when it comes to safety. The work recently done at Clarendon Blvd and N Pierce is amazing. We need more intersections like that!

4/24/2025

I really like the design, but how are bikes meant to turn left from Rhodes onto Wilson when the light is green? The bike box is helpful but only when cars are stopped

4/24/2025

While the sidewalk is currently (too) narrow, I am a bit confused as to why an island is proposed on the northeast side of the intersection. What purpose does it solve if the bus stop is not moved? Is it just a waiting area for pedestrians at the light? If so, it should be explained as such.

4/24/2025

Slowing cars down helps everyone, including drivers. I hope the flooding issue at the Rhodeside Grill corner can be a part of this project (and now have to wait until the block is redeveloped) -- the ice and water that build up make crossing so difficult.

4/24/2025

Looks great, thanks.

4/23/2025

This is a big improvement for pedestrian safety and accessibility. Would it be possible to add any centerline hardening to Rhodes St on the south side of the intersection? Drivers making the left from Wilson have a tendency to cut this turn and blow through the crosswalk across Rhodes with speed. Is there a better way to accommodate bike left turns from Rhodes to Wilson? Many may find making the left while yielding to oncoming traffic to be difficult/intimidating.

4/23/2025

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