

## Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices (ACTC)

May 1, 2019  
Approved minutes

### In Attendance:

Nancy Van Doren, School Board

#### **APS Appointees**

John Armstrong, Chair  
Janeth Valenzuela, Vice Chair  
Rose Breyault, Parent  
CC Clark, Parent  
Angelique Early, Parent  
Josh Folb- SPED Parent  
Catherine Frum, Teacher  
Paine Gronemeyer, Student  
Elizabeth Kiker, ES Parent  
David McBride, MS Principal  
John Mickevics, APS  
Commuter

#### **County Appointees**

Gillian Burgess (BAC)  
John Carten (TAC)  
Eric Goodman (PAC)  
Harrison Wadsworth (TC)

#### **Staff**

John Chadwick, APS – F&O  
Kristin Haldeman, APS-MMTP  
Lauren Hassel, APS - SRTS  
Dennis Leach, DOT- Director  
Elizabeth Denton, ACCS -ATP  
Christine Sherman, DOT-TE&O

Public: Hector Ramirez, Claudia Cuellar

March minutes were approved.

### **1. Public Comment**

- a. Hector Ramirez –Issues along Carlin Springs with bollards on all corners starting at Campbell intersection (7<sup>th</sup> place, esp b/c it is narrow) heading down Carlin Springs to Columbia Pike; causing back-ups when one car wants to turn left on CS; buses continue to knock them down; trash can obstructs sidewalk; fire hydrant as well. Janeth Valenzuela added that drivers do not want to go to the light at 7<sup>th</sup> b/c the signal is so short. Drop-offs for Campbell occur on Carlin Springs. Line backs way up.
  - Christine Sherman will look into the trash can; Dennis Leach – spot relocations of hydrants are tough as they require a reworking of the water lines. Could County come back with a cost estimate for such things. Dennis will take this back to DES to see what can be done. Christine says DOT will build out the curbs at 8<sup>th</sup> St/8<sup>th</sup> Rd. create a median.

### **2. Updates**

- a. Carlin Springs improvements (AC-TE&O, Christine Sherman)
  - Target build date for Campbell sidewalk in June
  - LED lighting improvements split b/t Dominion and County; underway
  - Overgrowth on Fairfax side; County working on that
  - CS repaved b/t 50 and 5<sup>th</sup> Rd, concrete work will occur with the repaving
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> St ART/Metro bus stop moving to far side of 3<sup>rd</sup>; working with property owner on easement
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Rd signal improvement may occur this year
- b. Arlington County Vision Zero (AC-TE&O, Christine Sherman)
  - County has started internal coordination with ACPD, emergency response and mgmt., health dept., CPHD – to include zoning

- Broad based support internally.
- c. Safe Routes to School (APS/SRTS, Lauren Hassel)
  - Grant in on time; should know by early June.
  - Gearing up for Bike/Walk/Roll to school day.
  - Ped workshop scheduled for June 4 held by NVRC – open to all interested parties
- d. TDM – Champions celebration with School Board (17 schools) on 5/9
- e. Transportation Changes for SY19-20 (APS, Kristin Haldeman)
  - TJHSST – plan to contact about hub stops
  - Jefferson/Kenmore – transfer students moving to hub stops for two years, then service discontinued.
  - Claremont/Key – Key students from Claremont district will use in-boundary stops in SY2020-21
  - Grandfathering ES – communications sent by APS Planning & Evaluation office. Only one year of transportation.

John/Josh – make sure this is upon the website when we sunset the service

## 1) New School Openings

### a) Staff TDM (ATP, Elizabeth Denton)

- i) HB Woodlawn Community Day event – Catherine Frum lead group of 21 cyclists from HB to Rosslyn; students participated in a scavenger hunt to find transportation elements in Rosslyn.
- ii) Welcome to Neighborhood walks for staff:
  - (1) Montessori staff – 17 staff came; Columbia Pike Revitalization Org. (CPRO) rep came to discuss neighborhood; walked the neighborhood – over to Columbia Pike.
  - (2) Next dates:
    - (a) 5/21 – The Heights
    - (b) 5/30 – Fleet
    - (c) (Tent) 6/6 for D. Hamm
- iii) Parking for The Heights -100 spaces for APS in the Penzance bldg. once it is constructed; APS will lease 50 more. APS working with a parking mgmt. consultant to hash out the details.

### b) Student Transportation (APS, Kristin Haldeman)

- i) HB – Kristin Haldeman presented to HB students on Community day about different ways to get to the new school, implementation of hub stops and transit access. Students used Google to figure out their routes. Preliminary analysis suggests that using the ART 43 could eliminate a school bus. County re-bidding ART contract; students could create an app!
- ii) D. Hamm – APS/DOT & ACPD staff walked the zone with principal, PTA and community members. APS has requested 2 crossing guards – one at Military and Nellie Custis (north of Hamm), the other at Lee Hwy and Quincy (south of Hamm).
- iii) Montessori -hub stop model
- iv) Drew – follow up with County staff on observations/recommendations

## 2) Transportation Toolbox (AC-TE&O, Christine Sherman)

Christine Sherman presented an in-depth look at how the County's Traffic Engineering & Operations division identifies and assesses safety issues in Arlington County and specifically around schools. She described in detail the available and applicable countermeasures to address common safety issues

such as: speeding, pedestrian crossing safety, inadequate or missing curbs & sidewalks, sight limitations, congestion, safety and conflicts at intersections, bicycle safety, driveway conflicts, access to transit and bus stop safety using an approach that considers engineering, enforcement, education, encouragement, and evaluation. She also discussed how countermeasure information is tracked and communicated, and how they are designed to address some of the 'human factors' associated with these safety issues. [Slides](#) are available on the website.

She noted that Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) and Department of Environmental Services (DES) were awarded the 2019 Governor's Transportation Safety Award in the category of Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety at the 2019 Virginia Highway Safety Summit. The award recognizes the collaborative efforts of ACPD, DES Transportation Engineering and Operations, Bike Arlington, Walk Arlington, the Bicycle Advisory Commission and the Pedestrian Advisory Commission on the development and implementation of a multi-faceted plan to reduce pedestrian and bicycle-involved crashes in Arlington County.

Of note, Arlington reviewed local Vision Zero communities (MoCo, DC, Richmond) and our bike/ped fatalities are much lower than theirs.

John Carten added that he feels the 2<sup>nd</sup> & Irving all way stop and crosswalks are very successful. Dennis Leach noted that high visibility xwalks are pretty standard now.

Re: the application of countermeasures, Ms. Sherman noted that for the most part it is a progressive process in terms of what countermeasures to apply. TE&O does evaluate the measure after implementation to track effectiveness at addressing the issue and adjusts accordingly. TE&O – customer portal helps process and track inquiries and safety concerns.

3) **Bus Transportation Review Status** (APS, Kristin Haldeman)  
Next step – review survey data

#### 4) **Administrative/Announcements**

- a) Upcoming Meeting Dates – Mark your calendars
  - i) June 19, Syphax, 7-9 pm (3rd Weds.)
  - ii) Summer Break
  - iii) SY 2019-20 schedule – available at June meeting
- b) Recruiting – One middle school vacancy, One Elementary school vacancy
  - i) Have a recommendation? Please reach out to Kristin Haldeman and John Armstrong.  
(1) Rose stepping off; John speaking with a potentially new member
- c) Upcoming Events
  - i) **Bike, Walk and Roll to School Day** on **Wednesday, May 8**
  - ii) **Bike to Work Day** on **Friday, May 17**
  - iii) **Safe Walking Summit** on **Tuesday, June 4**