

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (“Ffx FSS”)

1 Mar 2021

Location: Zoom

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

- **Introductions:** 22 attendees
- **Old Business**
 - Update on New Traffic Law Advocacy Campaign during 2021 General Assembly Session
 - Wins: *Speed limits to 15 mph* in residential / business districts passed
 - NoVA FSS members sent ~ 400 postcards to State legislators asking them to vote yes on the bill.
 - *Modified Bike Safety Bill* (bikers can ride side by side + cars pass bikers by driving in another lane. The biker “Delaware” yield (but not stop) at stop signs was deferred to a “study” later this year.
 - Deferred: *Zebra / Elevated Crosswalks (HB 1803)*; a study by Nov 2021 but on the study committee will be several of the Fairfax Girl Scouts who helped advocate for the bill plus several people who are experts in the issues of the visually impaired.
- **New Business**
 - Traffic Regulation for the General Assembly 2022 Session
 - *Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE)* – Advocacy with District Supervisors to encourage FCPD to install cameras around school zones as soon as possible,
 - *15 mph speed limit* advocacy with District Supervisors for 15 mph speed limit be implemented on residential neighborhoods ASAP
 - Ffx FSS is looking for suggestions on which neighborhoods and business district roads should get the 15 mph signs.
 - Social Media
 - Using FB and Twitter to try to connect with Fairfax residents
 - If someone can help post items on FB, IG and Twitter or if you find interesting ped / cyclist street safety articles, please coordinate with Bob Trencheny: bobtrencheny@gmail.com
 - Ffx FSS also needs a volunteer to help keep our Fairfax web page updated – which is on a Word Press software platform

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- Ffx FSS can help publicize Fairfax County’s new Active Transportation Plan via social media. Information can be found: [here](#)
- Volunteer recruitment
 - Volunteer Fairfax is an organization where we can find people who have time and skills that can help us.
<https://www.volunteerfairfax.org/>
- Upcoming Ffx FSS District Supervisor’s meetings with:
 - Walkinshaw – Thu, Mar 4th at 11 am
 - Alcorn & Lusk – Fri, Mar 26th at 2 pm
 - Palchik – Date TBD
- Q – Does Ffx FSS consider Falls Church & Fairfax City part of its regional coverage? Ans: Yes
- Additional plans for this year
 - Walk audits to improve understanding of Ped / Bike infrastructure and identify risks in crash corridors; e.g. Blake Lane & Shreve Road
 - also will include vision impaired perspective in the audit
 - perhaps around schools like Rocky Run MS and Stone MS
 - Open to additional ideas for where audits should be conducted
 - Other suggestions for Ffx FSS activities during 2021?
- Near Miss / Dangerous Location App is about to be upgraded thanks to VT Grad students with NM data overlaid on top of VDOT crash data
 - Demonstration will be given at our next Ffx FSS meeting
- Upcoming Events:
 - **Fairfax FSS meeting – 1st Monday of a Month, Apr 5, 2021 (Apr 12th?)**
 - Sister AFSS Meeting – the 3rd Tuesday of the Month – Mar 16, 2021
 - Sister Arl FSS Meeting – the 4th Wed of the Month – Mar 24, 2021
 - Accelerating Active Transportation Alternatives Summit - Mar 25th
 - Ffx FSS’s Near Miss app is part of “Data Analytics”, 1 pm session
 - <https://transportation.gmu.edu/activetranspchange/>