

## Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (“Ffx FSS”)

5 April 2021

*Location: Zoom*

### **Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

- Introductions: 13 attendees
- Old Business
  - Vienna Metro Station Ped / Bike improvement plan. Web site: [here](#)
    - Set of 3 roads around the Vienna Metro Station with bike trails two-way cycle paths and 10 ft wide sidewalks
    - Will take 4 to 5 years to complete
  - Richmond Highway South – Concern of Supr. Lusk and Stork
    - VDOT’s speed study will be paid for by the County
    - Public input will be scheduled as well
    - Crosswalk engineering needed including on a Mount Vernon and Lockheed Blvd
  - Blake Lane – April community meeting with Palchik regarding Blake Lane on Monday, April 19th at 7:00 - 8:30pm. Zoom link [here](#)
    - Here is a video of the Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Blake Lane meeting: [Blake Lane](#)
  - Shreve Road – SRTS grant for two crossing at the elementary schools W&OD Trail crossing realignment – design but no action
  - [VA School Zone Current Law](#)
  - Near Miss / Dangerous Location (NM) – Overgrown vegetation that impairs visibility of the pedestrian bridge near Wakefield Park Road
    - Kate Schwarz registered complaints to County officials, FABB and Fairfax FSS via a Near Miss entry. County & Park authorities promise to fix
  - Where should lower 15 mph speed limits be located?
    - County is developing criteria for implementation
  - Advocacy of ASE testing in school zones
    - Chief Rohr may be amenable to such testing
    - Supervisors Palchik, Storck & Foust seem supportive of ASE
    - Loudon County school zones are 20 mph in residential areas
  - SRTS is a grant program funded by VDOT
    - Sally Smallwood reported that SRTS’s target schools for next year’s grant are all Title I schools; Crestwood ES, Annandale Terrace ES, Braddock ES, Mt. Eagle ES, and Dogwood ES. Two

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- middle schools are Rocky Run and Stone. Rocky Run just completed a traffic garden painting on the renovated blacktop.
  - **The Virginia SRTS program is at risk of losing 2/3 of its funding**
  - SRTS program is deemed to be an essential program by many
  - Should Ffx FSS start an advocacy campaign for preserving the SRTS program aimed at the FCPS School Board & County Supervisors?
- Update on District Supervisor discussions - good discussion with Supervisors Walkinshaw, Lusk & Alcorn regarding implementing 15 mph and ASE testing in school zones
  - Trying to set up calls with Supervisors Gross & Storck. Then other Board members but best to talk after County’s budget is finished
- Other topics
  - April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month (Drive Smart Virginia)
  - Fairfax “Active Transportation Plan Survey” Two phases of the plan:
    - Phase I – data collection & public input
    - Phase II – (which needs funding) study and recommendations but may take 1 year or more – 2022?
  - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk/activefairfax>
    - Braddock - Mon., April 26, 2021 7 p.m.
    - Dranesville - Tues., April 20, 2021 7 p.m.
    - Hunter Mill - Mon., April 19, 2021 7 p.m.
    - Lee - Mon., April 12, 2021 6:30 p.m.
    - Mason - Thurs., April 8, 2021 7 p.m.
    - Mount Vernon - Thurs., April 22, 2021 6:30 p.m.
    - Providence - Wed., April 28, 2021 7 p.m.
    - Springfield - Tues., April 27, 2021 7 p.m.
    - Sully - Wed., April 21, 2021 7 p.m.
  - FABB has identified priority projects which includes:
    - More funding needed for bicycle facility maintenance; e.g. trails
    - More proactive in developing a connected bicycle network
    - The county needs a prioritized list of needed network connections
      - [FABB Priority Map](#) highest priority in red
      - [List of projects, highest priority in orange](#)
- Upcoming Events:
  - Sister AFSS Meeting – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month – Apr 20, 2021
  - Sister Arl FSS Meeting – the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the Month – Apr 28, 2021
  - **Fairfax FSS meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of a Month, May 3, 2021**