

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

7 June 2021: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

*Location:* Zoom

### **Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

- **Attendees:** 16 people in attendance.
- **Guest Speaker**
  - Lt Jason Long – FCPD: Ped / Bike Crash Report: recent fatalities
    - Annandale – Investigators are playing catch up. Didn’t originally think it was life threatening. 7300 Maple Place. Martin Ave and Annandale. Crossing mid-block. Just after 2am on Friday, June 4. Alcohol may have been involved with the pedestrian.
    - No new info on Bicyclist and Pedestrian deaths in Alexandria Thursday. Investigation ongoing. Long recognized pedestrian can legally cross at unmarked crosswalk on roads 35mph and below, which this is. Still need to talk to witnesses.
    - Update on Ray Buza (cyclist) in Centreville. Crash occurred on Friday, May 22 (Bike to Work Day) just after 10 AM near the intersection of Hidden Canyon Road and Blueridge Drive. Charged driver under vulnerable road user law. Court date coming.
    - Sonya. FABB released statement. Planning memorial rides for both Ray Buza, cyclist killed in Centreville, and Fatima Romero, the cyclists killed Thursday in Alexandria. Fatima’s neighbors in the Jefferson Manor community and family moved quickly and placed a ghost bike Friday night. We need a larger collective event to raise awareness of these tragedies.
    - Fatima’s family set up a GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/1d15f95e>
- **Old Business**
  - Chris French provided a demonstration of FFX FSS’s Near Miss / Dangerous Location survey. Showed the dashboard. Map datapoints and different layers. The new survey is now live and available on all the NoVA FSS websites. There will be a marketing campaign to publicize the survey. Please send feedback on the survey and dashboard to French.l.chris@gmail.com.
    - Link to new NM survey: [NM survey](#) Link to the new Esri map: [NM map](#)
    - Nancy McFalls – Shared survey on social media. Also entered a bunch of data that’s not showing. Chris said there’s still a significant amount of data that needs to be ported over. So data she entered is not likely lost.

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- Kenan. Wise to have survey in other languages. Spanish and Ethiopian, thinking of Bailey’s area. Area of Mason District. Also Arabic.
- Anna. Don’t use the translation bot. Transportation language might not translate well. It would be helpful for the survey to collect demographic information including age, gender, and income level. That way we know the types of folks submitting the info.
- Ffx FSS / NoVA FSS marketing & brand strategy committee
  - Welcome ideas on how best to inform people about the NM app
    - Larry and Justice parking lot issue. Knows civic association through that. He could reach out.
    - Neighborhood flyer to associations. Provide Community HOAs and civic association.
    - Work through Supervisors offices. Newsletters.
    - Colleen. Blogs. Thinking Annandale blog. Share on social.
    - Sonya. Develop Media release. Share with all media contacts.
    - Reach out to PTAs. NoVA FSS may already have spreadsheet of all PTA contacts.
    - NoVA FSS uses Mail Chimp. Could use email to get word out to different organizations and people.
    - Jeremy. Share info and demo of survey for Fairfax Federation. Providence Fairfax PTA.
    - Kenan. Community revitalization groups. Skyline developer. Into walkability. Also owns Mission lofts. Crossroad Plaza.
    - Paper survey w/ postmarked envelopes. Culmore clinic. Bike Day event on Saturday 9-2 at Bailey’s Crossroads interim park. Kenan and Alison. Flyer w/ link to pass out?
- How can Ffx FSS and other groups’ concerns resonate with VDOT?
  - Possible answer: talk to Governor / GA representatives
  - It would be beneficial to organize with other interested groups to advocate for more local influence on transportation issues. FABB? Others?
    - NoVA FSS is finalizing the draft of a letter to send to McAuliffe and then a slightly different version for Youngkin.
    - Jeremy – seems a heavy lift to get a meeting w/McAuliffe during campaign. Maybe better to host an event with all NoVA FSS groups and have them all come to us.
    - Phil - Kay’s suggestion of building a coalition. 5-6 groups to have first meeting w/Kay. Could be a good start.
    - Larry. Dave Marsden needs to be included. Chair of transportation committee.
    - Alexandria BPAC. Sierra Club. FABB. WABA. NVRC – Debbie may have contacts. Bike Loudon. Active Prince William.

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- Anna. Mom’s groups. Youth groups. Disability groups. Ffx County Disability Board.
- Kenan. Equity issue. Ffx NAACP. Hispanic Now. Commercial revitalization organizations. Columbia Pike. SFDC.
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- Update on Policy Maker meetings (5 min)
  - District Supervisors Gross and Foust meetings
    - Supervisor Foust. Very interested in data and positive. No promises. 15mph – VDOT still focuses on driver comfort. Need community advocates to make noise. ASE – interested in list of areas where cameras could be put in. Willing to share near miss survey. Contact w/CTB?
    - Supervisor Gross. Liked handout on ped safety. We can do more work on it and share an updated version inclusive of other languages. Pass info for newsletter.
  - Pending - Chairman McKay and others
    - Met with Marcus Wadsworth, staff aide for Chairman McKay. Meeting unlikely to be scheduled for a few more months.
  - Del. Kaye Kory meeting
- **New Business**
  - I-66 Trail Ped / Bike issues and VDOT
    - Sonya. FABB hoping to host a meeting for an I66 Trail update. Will share with Ffx FSS.
    - Chris Wells. Design build project. Design happens throughout. FCDOT is working with them. Meeting set up on Bushman in a week or two.
  - Other? Ran out of time so didn’t discussed anything else.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - NVRC Safe Walking Summit - June 10th 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Register at [Here](#).
  - AFSS Meeting – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, June 15, 2021 6:30-8:00
  - Arl FSS Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the Month, June 23, 2021 6:30-8:00
  - Regional Vision Zero Summit – June 24, 2021 9:00-5:00 via Zoom. Register [Here](#).
  - **Fairfax FSS meeting – Typically the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of a Month. Next meeting is July 12, 2021 6:30-8:00**
    - **Moved July and Sept. meetings to 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays for holidays. No meeting in August.**