

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

1 November 2021: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

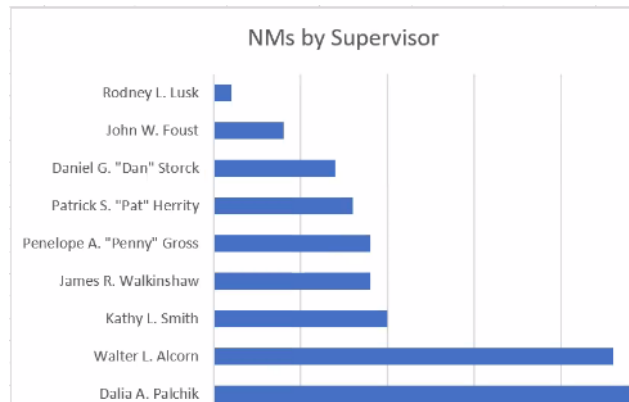
*Location:* Zoom

## Meeting Notes

**Introductions** – 14 people in attendance including Mike Doyle, Sonya Breehey, Gina Hoffman, Chris French, Christine Mayeur, Jeremy Hancock, Patricia Leslie, Lauren Delmare, Sally Smallwood, Max Jenkins, Jamie B, Hannah Neagle, Alison Gramann, Phil Kemelor

### Old Business

- FCPD – Jason Long
  - Jason Long was unable to join this evening to provide a briefing.
  - There was a fatal pedestrian crash in Oakton on October 11 at approximately 10:29pm. <https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2021/10/12/fatal-pedestrian-crash-in-oakton/>
- Update on FFX FSS’s Near Miss Survey data
  - Survey: <https://ffx.novasafestreets.org/near-miss-and-dangerous-intersection-survey/>
  - Dashboard: <https://afss.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/5169e45e4b364614a0e1afeef8ea6c57>
  - The dashboard displays all reported Near Misses from the survey against a heatmap of crash data from VDOT TREDs. In some cases the VDOT crash data aligns closely with the near miss incident reports but other situations there appears to be no correlation. Could the outlier NM reports be precursors to crash locations?
  - In October 2021, we received 50 new reports of near misses. Most incidents occur during rush hour, and most were reported by pedestrians.
  - We can see the number of reports by district/supervisor.



- More Near Miss charts can be found on the Fairfax FSS web site: [Fairfax FSS](#)
- Ffx FSS’s recent marketing plans plus public outreach efforts
  - Fairfax County Council PTA (FCCPTA) connections
    - Phil Kemelor met with the President and VP of Communications for the FCCPTA. He signed up for the Speakers’ Bureau and may be able to get on the agendas for the School Health Committee and Advocacy Committee meetings.
    - Will be creating a blog post that features the Stop Look and Wave flyers.

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- Also discussed 3-way blinker giveaways for students and potential funding for more giveaways.
- World Day of Remembrance event– Sunday Nov 21<sup>st</sup>
  - The WDoR is an international day of memorials for vulnerable road users who have been killed or seriously injured on roads.
  - Typically, the WDoR event is held on a Sunday afternoon. Usually, a brief march in the location of a crash. However, we want to make sure the event is safe for participants.
  - Do folks in Fairfax have the bandwidth to make a Fairfax event happen in 2021?
    - After discussion, it is agreed that Fairfax will participate in Alexandria’s WDoR event which might be in person or virtual. Social media marketing can be posted on the 3 NoVA FSS platforms for each jurisdiction and Alexandria will host the regional event. The location of future WDoR events can rotate through the NoVA jurisdictions.
- Distribution channels for 3x5 Near Miss QR cards & 500 three-way blinkers
  - We have lots of QR code cards that feature the NM survey and blinkers to distribute. Crashes tend to increase as daylight savings ends so we would like to distribute these material soon.
  - Any ideas on how to distribute them?
    - Sally would gladly take more to distribute at Lake Braddock
    - Burke VRE Farmers Market
    - United Community. Other Community Associations?
    - Senior Housing communities
    - Soccer fields on weekends
- VDOT
  - Richmond Highway South –
    - In September, the Gum Springs Civic Association and other organizations protested the expansion of Richmond Highway Redevelopment.
    - There will be a meeting in December to review the analysis from VDOT and FCDOT. The public hearing will be in January and the decision on design changes will be in February.
    - The primary focus of the protest was on more safe crosswalks/intersections. There is currently too much distance between crosswalks.
- Update on General Assembly 2022 Traffic Reg Advocacy - priorities for advocacy:
  - Contributory negligence
  - Automatic speed enforcement
  - Encourage a statewide vision zero program

### **New Business**

- U.S. Congressional Zero Traffic Deaths Resolution
  - There is a movement to implement a national zero traffic fatalities resolution in Congress. This was started by the National Families for Safe Streets organization and other interested organizations. The appeal is to try to get your local congressional

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representatives to support it. **NoVA FSS approached Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, and Representative Beyer. All three agreed to co-sponsor the resolution.**

- TPB Grant Update
  - **Thanks to Alexandria PD** for being the lead supporter on a \$60k grant application through Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). If NoVA FSS wins the grant the funds would go directly to MWCOG hired consultants, we never actually touch the funds. The grant would be used to develop correlations analytics on the near miss survey compared to TREDs plus improve accessibility of the survey through translation. Alexandria City’s T&ES also wrote a letter of support for the grant application and then City Council approved the grant application. NoVA FSS received letters of support from Fairfax (Lee District Supervisor and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors). **Thank you Fairfax!** Arlington elected not to send a letter of support for the NM grant application because they have concerns about equitability in collecting data.
- Fairfax Healthy Communities (FHC) – Sonya Breehey
  - Ffx FSS has been invited to join Fairfax Healthy Communities (FHC). FHC is a network of smart growth, environmental, bike/ped, housing, and social justice groups working in Fairfax County towards a more equitable, sustainable, and vibrant county. FHC’s intention is to bring these various groups together to strengthen our voice and influence on these issues. Here's [FHC updated Mission and Vision](#).
  - There are two membership levels to help organizations find the right fit given their capacity. You can [review the membership levels here](#).
  - Some of the organizations involved include Coalition for Smarter Growth, Audubon Naturalist Society, Sierra Club Great Falls Group, Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling, Capital Trails Coalition, Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions, South County Task Force, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, among others.
  - Given the meeting’s time constraints it was resolved to vote on this invitation at the next Ffx FSS meeting (Dec 6<sup>th</sup>).
- Identification of Ffx FSS Liaisons w/ District Supervisors – Phil Kemelot
  - We would like to create a subcommittee of liaisons to each district supervisor. The near miss data can be separated by district and the liaisons would be the primary point of contact with each supervisor to discuss issues in that district. If interested, contact Phil.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Safe Streets for All Program Virtual Community Meetings
  - Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. [Attend online](#). Dial In: 844-621-3956; Access Code: 2335 968 6742
  - Thursday, November 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m. [Attend online](#). Dial In: 844-621-3956; Access Code: 2349 915 0152
- The ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan team has invited Arl FSS to a virtual stakeholder meeting on Nov 10, 2021, 12-1pm to discuss the proposed program. Click: [here](#) Dial in: 1-844-621-3956; Access Code: 2334 321 7882
- Vienna Metro Bike/Ped Improvements Hearing – Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Click: [Here](#)
- Huntington Active Transportation Plan – Date TBD
- **Fairfax FSS meeting – 1st Monday of the Month, Dec 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**