

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

7 March 2022: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

*Location:* Zoom

### **Meeting Notes**

**Introductions** – 14 people in attendance.

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

- The NoVA FSS organizations have about \$14,800 in the bank.
- Recently, Fairfax FSS received a grant through the Coalition for Smarter Growth. Piedmont Environmental Council is the parent organization of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. They act as CSG’s fiscal sponsor. The \$500 is for Fairfax Families for Safe Streets participation in our Safe Streets for Bailey’s stakeholder advisory committee.
- We finally received a letter from the IRS that NoVA FSS is now classified as a not-for-profit public charity. This has been an issue for the last three years. We will be transitioning from Alexandria FSS being the 501.c3 for the NoVA organizations to make NoVA FSS itself the primary non-profit organization.

#### **Old Business**

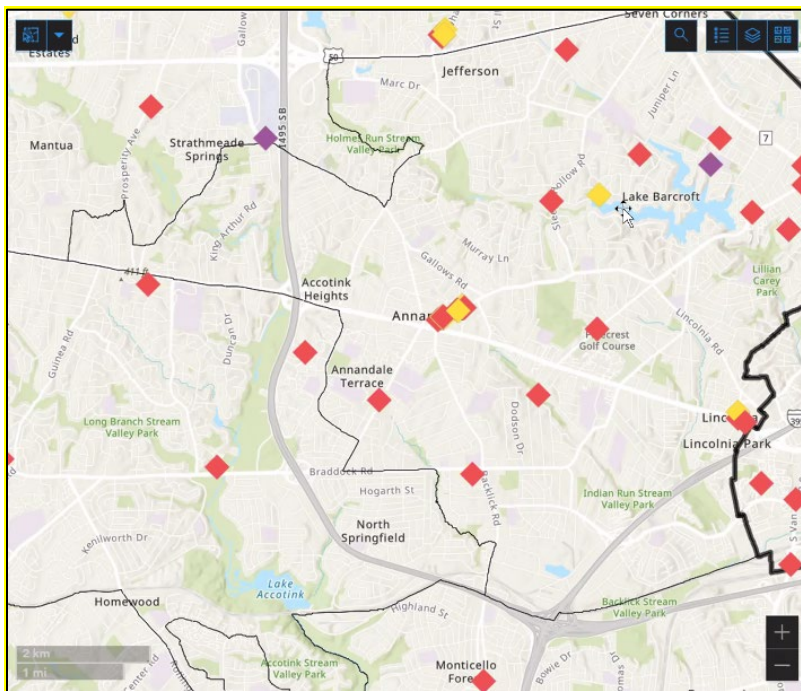
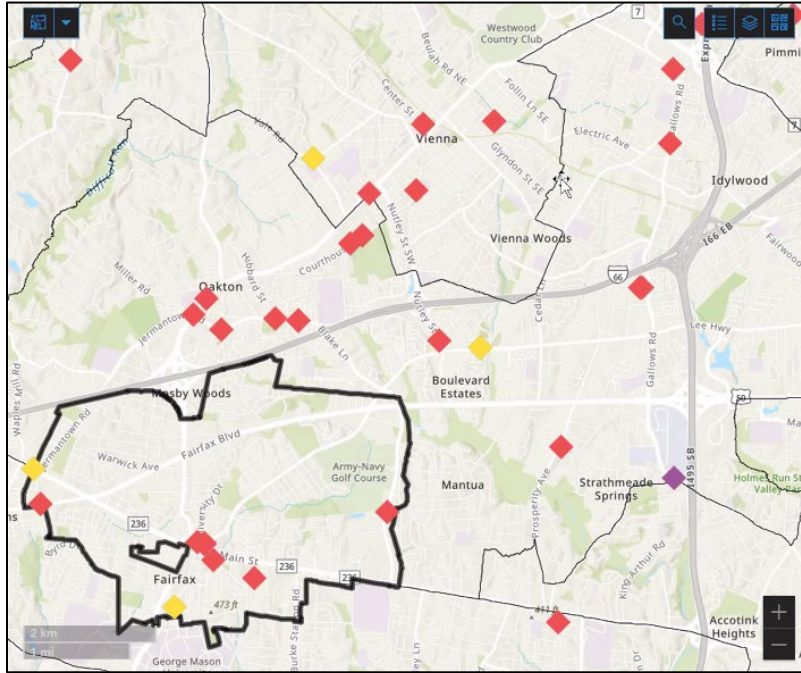
- FCPD – Jason Long
  - So far this year, there have been four fatal crashes in the county. All four victims were pedestrians.
    - February 3 on Baron Cameron Avenue in Reston:  
<https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2022/02/22/reston-woman-succumbs-to-injuries-from-feb-3-crash/>
    - February 19 on Ox Road in Lorton  
<https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2022/02/20/pedestrian-killed-on-ox-road-in-lorton/>
    - January 18 on Lee Highway at Forum Drive in Fairfax  
<https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2022/01/18/man-succumbs-to-injuries-from-jan-8-pedestrian-crash-in-fairfax/>
    - February 10 on John Marr Drive and Columbia Pike  
<https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2022/02/25/annandale-man-succumbs-to-injuries-from-feb-10-crash/>
  - Prior crashes
    - December 30, 2021, Fatal bicyclist crash in McLean at Dolly Madison Boulevard.
      - <https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2021/12/30/fatal-bicyclist-crash-in-mclean/>
      - The toxicology report recently came back and revealed that the bicyclist was intoxicated.
  - The Street-Smart campaign will begin in April. This is the annual pedestrian safety campaign. The department will be part of enforcement and activation of this program next month.

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- This will be Jason’s last meeting with us. The crash reconstruction unit is moving out of the traffic safety unit to the cyber forensics division. He is concerned that this change will not support prevention of crashes.
- Update on Leesburg Pike / VDOT campaign – Phillip
  - Last month, we wrote a letter to VDOT to request action on Leesburg Pike.
  - VDOT was relatively slow in getting back to us. They finally responded a week ago with an update. They are studying the situation but are not yet ready to share ideas publicly. Gave timeline that they would be ready around June.
  - Christine drafted a detailed response to encourage them to do interim measures immediately because it’s likely that their proposed changes will take a year or two to implement. Letter is going through revisions from the board and will be sent back to VDOT imminently. We can publish the letter publicly as well.
- Update on other high risk road corridors
  - Safe Streets Bailey’s Campaign
    - This is a partnership between the Coalition for Smarter Growth and Casa. Casa will be going door to door with a survey to gather concerns and ideas for how to make families safer with walking and biking. Help identifying specific locations of concern. This will be done in the next few weeks.
- BoS Transportation Safe Streets Budget (FCDOT input)
  - The county will have \$100M to invest in pedestrian infrastructure.
  - Now is a great time to recommend projects that can be used to spend the money.
- Update on Ffx FSS’s marketing / public outreach plans
  - We could use volunteers to write and create articles for the website. These can be personal experiences of crashes or near misses.
  - In Alexandria, representatives from FSS went to schools to talk to 6<sup>th</sup> graders and distribute literature for students and parents.
    - Sally (SRTS Fairfax) – It is very hard to get into schools and find space in the curriculum. Another strategy would be to meet people as they arrive at school or with crossing guards. Meet kids where they are walking rather than in the classroom.
  - Bike to Work Day – May 20
    - <https://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/>
    - We can reach out to individual pit stop coordinators and bring literature/giveaways.
- Update on FFX FSS’s Near Miss Survey data
  - There has been lots of meaningful feedback provided in the open-ended sections of the survey. Most reports are due to driver behavior.
  - The number of NM reports we are receiving has fallen. We need to more aggressively promote the survey to get more data. Having more data will allow us to do more meaningful analytical analysis of danger locations.
  - Patricia Leslie – Supervisor Palchik’s newsletter will be coming out Thursday. If you would like to feature any content, sent to [patricia.leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:patricia.leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov). Illustrations, graphics, website addresses, and more are welcome.

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- Shyamali Roy Hauth – Supervisor Alcorn’s newsletter goes out every Wednesday. If you have info, please send to [HunterMillBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:HunterMillBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- We should set a specific goal for how many survey responses we want to see so that we can strive for a target.
- Sample of the locations of recent reports:



- Update on TPB Grant

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- We received \$45,000 through a grant from the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). This grant will help run analytics on the data generated from the survey and expand usability through translation and the creation of a mobile app.
- The money would go directly to the consultants who will help us with the improvements to the survey.
- Working on reviewing proposals from consulting firms.
- Update on Ffx FXX / NoVA FSS web site
  - A committee is working on consolidating the three NoVA FSS (Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax) websites to make them easier to navigate and maintain.
  - We just received a quote for \$4,800 to redesign the website.

### **New Business**

- Bike Falls Church – Bike safe streets advocacy in Falls Church
  - This is a new group on Falls Church focused on bike safe streets advocacy. They reached out to us.
  - The organization is looking at projects for necessary bike connections.
  - Sonya attended a meeting with them and introduced Fairfax FSS. She will stay in the loop and see if there is anything we can do in partnership with them.
- Register for Healthy Together Fairfax planning subcommittee meetings next week - there are two teams to consider lending your time and expertise to!
  - Community Partnerships and Marketing Committee, March 7, 2022, at 12 - 1 p.m. Register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).
  - Event Activities and Logistics Committee, March 9, 2022, at 12 - 1p.m. Register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).
- Street Smart-Testimonial Wall in Fairfax? Where?
  - A testimonial wall is part of the Street-Smart campaign that Jason mentioned. It includes pictures and stories of fatalities and severe injuries.
  - Where can we suggest it should go in Fairfax?
    - Jason long – there was a fatality near Rt 123 metro station in Tysons. Could have it there or in Reston or old town Fairfax.

### **Upcoming Events**

- VDOT / VCDOT Rt. 236 (Little River Turnpike) STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) Study – 4/25 & 5/12
  - This is a study of traffic in the corridor. It is a typical state study that focuses on congestion and pedestrian/bicyclist issues.
  - The intent of VDOT studies like this is to expect local jurisdictions to apply for funding to implement changes to achieve the desired outcomes.
- Fairfax FSS meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month, April 4, 2022