

Central Alexandria Traffic Study

Meeting #6 Summary

Meeting Details:

February 22, 2018

Resource Center, Bishop Ireton High School

City Staff in Attendance:

- David Soares, P.E., Transportation Engineer, T&ES
- Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, Transportation, T&ES

Task Force Members in Attendance:

- Jim Taylor Clover College Park
- Peter Turner Clover College Park
- Jeanne O'Leary Seminary Hill
- Jim Durham Seminary Hill
- Carolyn Griglione Seminary Hill
- Tom Fulton Seminary Hill
- Marianne Coates Seminary Ridge
- Joe Sestak Seminary Ridge
- Michelle Reday Cook Taylor Run

Presentation:

City staff gave a brief review of the discussion from the January Task Force meeting, presented an overview of other studies and projects that have taken place within the Study area and the recommendations and completed improvements that resulted. Staff then [presented](#) their short/medium and long term recommended improvements resulting from this study effort. City staff answered questions and discussed these recommendations as well as potential policy recommendations with Task Force members.

Key Takeaways from Presentation and Group Discussion:

- Short/Medium Term Improvements

- Crosswalk/Pedestrian Improvements on Seminary Rd
 - Recommendations from Ped & Bike Master Plan
 - Repair/Upgrade several existing crosswalks and curb ramps
- Modify pedestrian crossing signals/phasing at N Jordan and N Howard intersections
- Install new speed cushions on N Jordan Street and additional speed cushions on E Taylor Run
- Initiate Complete Streets process to determine feasibility of street redesign for Seminary Road
- Reconfigure East Taylor Run and South View Terrace intersection to create safer turns
- Install new mid-block crossing on West Taylor Run at Angel Park
- Upgrade several crosswalks on Yale Drive to high visibility and install missing crosswalk at Dartmouth Rd and Princeton Blvd intersection as well as other locations throughout the neighborhood
- Afternoon (3-7pm) Turn Restrictions*
 - E Taylor Run – Southbound Right Turn onto Access Rd
 - Moncure Drive/Hilton Street – Southbound Right Turn onto Access Rd
 - N Quaker Lane – Southbound Left Turn onto Trinity Drive

*Staff presented methodology used to evaluate potential impacts of turn restrictions and difficulty of anticipating exactly how rerouted trips will distribute through the network. There was discussion regarding the time frame for turn restrictions, and staff agreed look into the traffic volumes and update the time to capture the highest two hours in the afternoon peak

- Long Term Recommendations

- Redesign/reconfigure the Duke Street at West Taylor Run Parkway intersection
- Initiate design of Seminary Rd and N Howard St intersections through Complete Streets program (funding for construction available in FY 2020)

- Possible Policy recommendations:
 - o Continue to support Regional transit projects/initiatives
 - o Consider additional corridor-length traffic calming projects on arterials
 - o Consider Complete Street redesign as part of the process for development of Corridor B as a Transitway
 - o Support legislation for safer streets and electronic routing database

- Staff asked the Task Force members to expand on and draft language for Policy Recommendations.

Next Steps:

- Staff asked Task Force members to bring the recommendations to their associations and provide feedback and comments.

- Task Force will review and comment on policy recommendations and provide final draft to staff

- Staff will brief the Transportation Commission on the progress of the final recommendations at the March meeting (pending community input) and will present recommendations to City Council during a work session on April 10.