What We’ve Heard From You So Far...

Vision Zero Safety Map Comments
During 2017, as part of the Vision Zero Action Plan process, the City asked for comments about safety issues that the public experienced on the roadways.

Walkabout Comments
This is a selection of comments that we heard on May 12th community walkabout with approximately 40 people of the Seminary Road corridor. This is not a full list of every comment offered, nor is it intended to synopsize any dominant themes. In fact, some of the comments conflict with each other. This list is intended to provide a sample of issues that were brought forward.

Pedestrian Safety
- Long wait times to cross the street
- Not enough time given to cross the street
- Install Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIS)
- Lack of safe crossings, particularly on segments where no traffic signals are nearby
- Crossing guards needed at school hours/locations

Driver Safety
- Making left turns from Seminary Road feels dangerous
- Drivers disregard right-turn-only lanes
- Pulling out from driveways and side-streets difficult due to speed, visibility issues
- Dangerous weaving maneuvers near I-395

Bicycling Safety
- Bike lanes needed
- No bike lanes
- Bicyclists unsafely ride on sidewalks because road is unsafe
- More bicyclist education/enforcement is necessary
- Better connection needed to Seminary/395 pedestrian/bike bridge

Sidewalks
- Numerous tripping hazards and obstructions
- Feels unsafe when there is no buffer from the travel lane
- Large sidewalk gap

Vehicle Speeds
- Speeding continues to be an issue
- Enforcement, speed limit change, feedback signs have helped
- When enforcement is not happening, speeding is prevalent
- Need larger speeding fines

Traffic
- Cut down on number of cars, especially non-local traffic
- Keep traffic moving, do not introduce more delay
- Do not divert more traffic onto side streets
- Do not change intersections in ways that would induce cut-through traffic
- Do not impede hospital traffic operations

Transit
- Bus stops located away from signalized intersections are a safety issue
- Reevaluate usage of some bus stops

Repaving Survey Comments
In 2018, the City asked for comments related to streets that were set to be repaved. The following were comments for Seminary Road:

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Legend
- People drive too fast on my street
- It is hard to cross at signalized intersections
- It is hard to cross at intersections without a stop sign or traffic signal
- It is difficult to travel on the sidewalks along my street
- It is difficult to bike on my street
- Drivers go around turns too fast
- Drivers do not stop at stop signs or yield to pedestrians
- It is difficult to see at intersections because of poor or blocked views
- Other
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Comment Sources and Outreach Efforts

Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2016)
Repaving Survey (2018)
Central Alexandria Traffic Study (2018)
Seminary Hill Civic Association Meeting (April 2018)
Community Walkabout (May 2018)
Public Open House (May 2018)

Meeting 1 - May 29, 2018 - Comment Summary

Design Option Activity Comments

Signals & Signs

- Pedestrian Flashing Beacon
  - Like: 23 - Dislike: 7
- Pedestrian Visibility Signs
  - Like: 13 - Dislike: 6
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
  - Like: 9 - Dislike: 8

Crossing Amenities

- Planted Refuge Islands
  - Like: 14 - Dislike: 11
- Center Refuge Islands
  - Like: 12 - Dislike: 14
- No Refuge Islands
  - Like: 3 - Dislike: 14

Bicycle Facilities

- Protected Bike Lane
  - Like: 14 - Dislike: 9
- Buffered Bike Lanes
  - Like: 12 - Dislike: 11
- Shared Use Path
  - Like: 5 - Dislike: 10

Pedestrian Facilities

- Wide Buffered Sidewalk
  - Like: 14 - Dislike: 6
- Buffered Sidewalk
  - Like: 11 - Dislike: 6
- Unbuffered Sidewalk
  - Like: 1 - Dislike: 11

Roadway Design

- Center Two-Way Left Turn Space with Plantings
  - Like: 16 - Dislike: 10
- Center Two-Way Left Turn Lane
  - Like: 9 - Dislike: 7
- No Change
  - Like: 5 - Dislike: 6

- Repurpose Slip Lane for Safe Bike Turning
  - Like: 12 - Dislike: 7
- Repurpose Slip Lane for Open Space
  - Like: 9 - Dislike: 6
- No Center Turn Space
  - Like: 3 - Dislike: 12

Meeting 1
Key Takeaways

• It is difficult for residents to turn and back out of driveways onto Seminary Road.
• Speeding is common along the entire corridor.
• Sidewalks should be wider, continuous, and buffered from moving traffic.
• There is too much distance between safe crossings.
• People walking must cross long distances on Seminary Road.
• Improvements are needed at Seminary Road and Kenmore Avenue.
• Many residents are opposed to any changes on the corridor.
• Opinions on bicycle facilities are mixed. Those who support adding bike facilities prefer buffered or protected bike lanes. Those who oppose adding bike lanes are concerned about impacts on traffic and creating hazards for people driving.
• Opinions on the future of the roadway are mixed. Some view Seminary Road as a major thoroughfare for the city, while others want it to better reflect the community character as a residential street.
• A traffic signal is not desired at Seminary Road and Fort Williams Parkway.