

Central Alexandria Traffic Study – Kickoff Meeting Meeting Summary

Meeting Details

July 7, 2016

Douglas MacArthur School

City Staff in Attendance

Carrie Sanders, Deputy Director of T&ES

Ravi Raut, Traffic Engineer, T&ES

Ray Hayhurst, Complete Streets Coordinator, T&ES

Task Force Members in Attendance

Michelle Cook, TRCA

Dana Linnet, TRCA

Lance Spencer, CCPCA

Lisa Montague, CCPCA

Jim Durham, SHA

Jeanne O’Leary, SHA

Tom Fulton, SHA Alternate

Ted Monson, SRCA

Jamie Pfister, SRCA

Traffic Study Group

- Two representatives from Seminary Hill, Seminary Ridge, Clover College Park, and Taylor Run Civic Associations
- Purpose of the group
 - Provide input on traffic study
 - Review scope, data collection, and proposed mitigations for traffic study.

Purpose of the Traffic Study

- Respond to neighborhood concerns about traffic
- Measure and better understand origins/destinations of traffic, traffic volumes, and cut-through traffic
- Test neighborhood improvements with future traffic conditions and programmed capital improvements to relieve traffic pressure in neighborhoods
- Task force noted the need for exploring potential changes to the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Proposed Meeting Schedule

- Meeting #1 Summer 2016: Review traffic study scope elements
- Meeting #2 Fall 2016: Review data collected and mitigations to test
- Meeting #3 Winter 2016/2016: Review results of mitigation testing and provide input on next steps

Background Data Collected

- Staff presented the location of speed and volume data collected on select streets in the four civic associations
 - Task force noted the need to include data for East Taylor Run
- Staff presented a list of previous and ongoing traffic studies.
 - Task force noted the need to include any data from recent large-scale Arlington and Fairfax County traffic studies.
- Staff presented the location of Complete Streets requests implemented in the four civic associations
 - Task force noted the need to include speed cushions installed on East Taylor Run

Draft Scope Elements

- Existing traffic volumes, origins, and destinations
- Traffic forecasts with 2040 baseline scenario
- Traffic forecasts with 2040 build scenario with Capital Improvement Program improvements and with potential neighborhood improvements

Origin/Destination (O/D) Study

- Staff presented background on an O/D study
- Task force noted the need for incorporating Waze data – if that is technically feasible
- Task force wanted to know if was possible to conduct a survey of major employers to see how their employees travel to work

Draft Origin/Destination Data Collection Points

- Staff presented draft locations of O/D data collection points
 - Task force suggested the following locations be added:
 - I-495 & Telegraph Road
 - Fort Williams Parkway & Seminary
 - Beauregard & Seminary
 - George Mason & Seminary
 - Jordan & Duke
 - King/Callahan/Russell
 - E Taylor Run & Janneys
 - Yale & Janneys

Open Discussion

- Task force noted that APD should be included in the discussion and they want to know APD's prioritization for enforcement.
- Task force noted that the Falls Church Police Department, and their enforcement on Broad Street, could provide a useful and applicable case study.
- Task force was interested in obtaining the reportable and non-reportable crash data from APD.