

2020 SAFE WALKING SUMMIT CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

August 19, 2020

NVRC and America Walks hosted a Safe Walking Summit, which focused on data resources, defining the problem, and multi sector approaches to improve walkability and reduce pedestrian deaths and injuries. The summit ended with some separate conference calls to brainstorm/debrief on training tools, engaging communities, and community data collection. The summit and Share VA Roads education campaign are generously funded by a Virginia DMV highway safety grant.



Goal: Share safe walking strategies, identify opportunities and partners across disciplines to improve walkability and livability in our communities.

Webinar recording:

<https://www.novaregion.org/DocumentCenter/View/12579/2020-Safe-Walking-Summit-1>

More information on NVRC safety program:

<https://www.novaregion.org/1236/Bicycle-and-Pedestrian-Safety>
WWW.Sharevaroads.org

Upcoming Events

AARP Transportation Workshop

September 15 and 16, 2020 1-4 pm

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/info-2020/transportation-workshop.html>

Washington Area Bicycling Association
Vision Zero Summit

September 24, 2020 10 am-5 pm

<https://waba.org/blog/2019/10/washington-region-vision-zero-summit/>

Presenters and Resources (order of appearance)

Welcome and Introductions

Northern Virginia Regional
Commission

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DMV Safety Resources <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/>
 Eyes Meet to Cross the Street:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gSj9fFabUo>
 Towards Zero Deaths Virginia www.Tzdva.org
 TREDs data: www.treds.virginia.gov

America Walks
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Information and Its Uses

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
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- PSAP Mapping tool: bit.ly/VDPTPSAP_V2
- Virginia Pedestrian Safety Action Plan: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/VDOT_P_SAP_Report_052118_with_Appendix_A_B_C.pdf
- Pedestrian Safety Countermeasure toolbox: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/tes_app_pro.asp

Virginia DMV
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Multidisciplinary Crash Investigation Team
<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/#programs/crashes/multidisciplinary.asp>

Virginia Department of Transportation John Bolecek, Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner
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- Contact John to receive bicycle pedestrian newsletter
- Contact Heidi Mitter, (Heidi.mitter@vdot.virginia.gov) for bicycle pedestrian planning in Northern Virginia
- Trail counter data for Virginia: <http://www.eco-public.com/ParcPublic/?id=4161#>
- Virginia Bicycle Pedestrian Inventory map: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6b824c469989495e8c62c05c3103ade7>
- Bicycle and pedestrian project information: VDOT Bicycle Pedestrian program: <http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bikeped/default.asp>

City of Fairfax
 Chloe Ritter, Multimodal Transportation Planner
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Local Transportation Decision Making tools
<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/public-works/transportation-division/transportation-planning/local-transportation-planning>

Defining the Problem

Walk Arlington, Mary Dallao,
Program Manager
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Toward a Shared Understanding of Pedestrian Safety, DOT
Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center:
http://pedbikeinfo.org/cms/downloads/PBIC_Pedestrian%20Safety%20Background%20Piece_7-2.pdf
Walk Arlington: www.walkarlington.org

Multi-Sector tools and initiatives

AARP

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AARP Walking Tools

- Data from AARP's 2018 Home and Community Preference Survey:
- <https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/community/info-2018/2018-home-communitypreference.html>
- Livability Index: <https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>
- Free Publications and Resources: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/tool-kitsresources/library/>
- Walk Audit Toolkit & Leader Guide: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/gettingaround/info-2014/aarp-walk-audit-tool-kit.html>
- Walk Audit Worksheets: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/getting-around/info-2020/aarp-walk-audit-worksheets.html>
- 2020 Community Challenge Grant: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/communitychallenge/info-2020/2020-challenge.html>
- Transportation Workshop: <http://www.aarp.org/transportation2020>

Virginia Department of Health
Megan Lopes, Healthy
Communities Coordinator

Virginia Walkability Action Institute
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/healthy-communities/local-communities/>

Prince William County
Alex Vanegas, Principal Planner

Prince William and Fairfax 2020 VWAI Teams

Fairfax County VWAI
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Arlington County Active
Transportation Operations
Henry Dunbar, Director

National/regional tools such as Walking Communities:
<http://walkfriendly.org/>
Vision Zero: <https://visionzeronetwork.org/>
<https://transportation.arlingtonva.us/vision-zero/>
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/VisionZero>

Inova Trauma Center
Linda Watkins, Injury Prevention
Coordinator

Engaging communities: learning from Inova Trauma
Prevention & Safe Kids coalition:
<https://www.inova.org/our-services/trauma-centers/community-outreach>
<https://www.safekids.org/safe-kids-coalitions-united-states>
<https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-virginia>
<https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-fairfax-county>

Resources recommended by participants in comments, breakout groups, and post summit evaluations:

1. Northern Virginia, Washington Metropolitan Region Safe Streets Campaign: <https://www.mwcog.org/transportation/programs/>
2. MWCOC Bicycle Pedestrian Data: <https://www.mwcog.org/transportation/data-and-tools/>
3. Traffic Gardens: <https://www.trafficgardens.com/about>
4. Safe Routes to Schools Virginia: <https://www.virginiadot.org/programs/srts.asp>
5. Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets: <https://www.alxffss.org/about-us/>
6. Letter from Fairfax County Trails, Sidewalks, and Bikeways committee: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/sites/transportation/files/assets/documents/pdf/trails/meetings/2020/trails-committee-safety-letter.pdf>
7. Virginia Drivers Manual: to review for pedestrian questions: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/dmv39.pdf>
8. NACTO guidance for roadway design (many questions and comments on need for lower speed, road design to address pedestrian safety) <https://nacto.org/publications/design-guides/>
9. Blue Zones <https://www.bluezones.com/>
10. New initiative through Loudoun County Public Schools: <https://www.lcps.org/congestionmustgo>
11. Blue Zones <https://www.bluezones.com/>
12. Virginia Roads dashboard www.virginiaroads.org
13. Institute of Transportation Engineers www.ite.org
14. National Association of City Transportation Officials www.nacto.org
15. <https://www.transportation.org/>https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/#crash_data/index.asp

16. US DOT FHWA Pedestrian Safety Summit covered some of the same information - it's a nice match! <https://highways.dot.gov/pedestrian-safety-summit>.
17. https://www.viriniadot.org/programs/srts_all_website_resources.asp
18. <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
19. <https://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/>
20. <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/safe-routes-school/bts2020>
21. <https://usa.streetsblog.org/2020/07/20/how-to-build-safe-routes-to-school-during-covid-19>
22. [http://pedbikeinfo.org/cms/downloads/Planning%20considerations%20for%20walking%](http://pedbikeinfo.org/cms/downloads/Planning%20considerations%20for%20walking%20)
23. <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/pedestrian-safety/everyone-pedestrian>
24. <https://www.trafficgardens.com/about>

About the Summit: 86 participants, 118 registrations, Representing the following organizations:

AAA Tidewater Virginia	City of Newport News	Loudoun County Parks
ACPS SRTS	City of Roanoke	Recreation and Community
AECOM	City of Rockville	Services
Alexandria BPAC	Coalition for Smarter	Loudoun County Public
Alexandria City Council, Vice	Growth	Schools
Mayor's Office	DARS	Loudoun County Public
Anacostia Trails Heritage	DDOT	Schools
Area, Inc	Department of Motor	Loudoun Walks
Arlington County	Vehicles	Maryland-National Capital
Arlington County Board	DMV	Park & Planning
Arlington County Commuter	DRIVE SMART Virginia	Commission
Services	FABB	MDOT-Highway Safety
Arlington County DOT	Fairfax County Park	Office
Arlington County	Authority	Metropolitan Washington
Government	Galax Safe Routes to School	Council of Governments
Arlington County	George Mason University	M-NCPPC
Government	George Washington	MWCOG
Arlington County	University	National Park Service
Government	Hampton Roads	Neoniche Strategies
Arlington Public Schools	Transportation Planning	NHTSA
AWCAC	Organization	Northern Virginia Regional
Baltimore City DOT	Howard County	Commission
Capital Trails Coalition	Government	NOVA FSS
Central Virginia Planning	Howard County Office of	NPS-NCA- RTCA
District Commission	Transportation	Office on Youth
City of Fairfax	Inova and Safe Kids Fairfax	Pedestrian Advisory
City of Falls Church	County	Committee
City of Harrisonburg	KLS Engineering, LLC	
City of Manassas		

PlanRVA/Richmond	Town of Vienna	Virginia Department of
Regional Planning District	Town of Herndon	Transportation
Commission	Town of Vienna	Virginia DMV
Prince George's County	Town of Vinton	Virginia DMV Highway
DPW&T	Transportation	Safety Office
Prince William County	Tri-Cities Area MPO	WABA
Police	US Fish and Wildlife Service	WalkArlington
PWCS	VA Dept. of Conservation	DC
RCPS Safe Routes to School	and Recreation	Virginia Tech
RIDE Solutions	VDOT - Central Office	Fairfax County
RK&K	VDOT - NOVA	League of American
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany	Virginia Cooperative	Bicyclists
Regional Commission	Extension	MDOT
Safe Routes to School	Virginia Department of	NPS
Safe Routes to School	Health	Netwalk Global
Street Justice		

Survey Responses

Most helpful Presentations: AARP, VWAI, Local Tools, VDOT Crash Assessment

Most interested in follow up discussion: National Regional tools such as walking communities, vision zero, VWAI, AARP tools, and VDOT Ped crash assessment