

## Arlington Ridge Road Bridge Replacement Project

Project information update and art engagement kick-off – 3/16/2022 – 7pm

### Question and Answer Summary

19:08:18 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Why was sidewalk closed on Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge? Seems like pedestrian traffic wouldn't be such a stress on the bridge. Closure really cuts off pedestrian access

19:09:00 From Nate Graham | Arlington DES to Everyone:

Thanks for the question, Kurt. We'll cover that in the ARR / MVA Bridge Q&A Session

19:13:17 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Ao - what is art design and final construction plan? Where can we see them?

19:13:31 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Would be interested to know the timeline for construction

19:13:46 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

Did anything in the bridge design change since the last update?

19:16:15 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

Can you at least roughly describe the street cross section that will be on the West Glebe Road bridge? How many lanes & how wide? What bike facilities? How wide will the sidewalks be, etc?

19:17:10 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Will there be pedestrian access during construction?

19:24:22 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Will this bridge also be constructed half-and-half, maintaining pedestrian and/or vehicular access?

19:24:42 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

(During construction)

19:24:45 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

You said you hope construction will start as soon as W Glebe is done - do you know about how long construction will take to complete? And will you have similar plans - keep half of bridge open?

19:26:49 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Will the intersection change in terms of turning lanes/lights?

19:28:22 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

Did you consider keeping bridges open for bike/ped traffic only during construction? People in cars can detour more easily than people walking

19:28:37 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

How are both bridge projects being funded?

19:38:39 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

These Rte 50 bridges are exactly what I was thinking about when Gabriela was talking about the guidelines...

19:38:59 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

The concrete work is integral with the lighting.

19:39:23 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

These bridges are beautiful! THANKS

19:40:09 From Tom Kornis to Everyone:

What is the street lighting plan -can it be made to form an arch on each side like the superstructure of a bridge? Can't can it be made to emphasize its a bridge - not roadway beneath power wires ?

19:46:02 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

nice to see an example not in a car-dominated environment

19:49:23 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

1. the bike path
2. the water

19:50:02 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

History - mills, Washington-Rochambeau revolutionary route, Arlandria home to diverse communities over time

19:50:38 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Natural features - wetland plants, migratory fish and birds

19:50:40 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

It's not just what's currently present in the FMR valley, but the vision of the master plan -- environmental restoration is partially complete, but public access is still being worked on -- these projects should be designed to contribute to/not prevent water access.

19:51:18 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

River-rounded stone

19:52:18 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

Also tidal water -- flows in and out.

19:55:01 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

3) all of the above

19:55:15 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

4) trail below really needs lighting

19:55:30 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

Lighting under the bridges would be great, but also need to respect Dark Sky.

19:56:13 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

1. bicycling, on and under both.

2. not sure about lighting, but I do like the respect for dark skies design

19:57:39 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Does the chain link fence under the bridge need to be there?

19:58:21 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

3) Like Nate I experience the view from beneath the bridge about 10x more often than the view on the bridge, but I experience it from a bike, on foot and from in a car at various times.

4) Very much need lighting both on and beneath the bridge.

20:00:45 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Agree!

20:00:50 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

Thank you!

20:01:18 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

There is a whole lot of design language that can prevent loitering.

20:04:57 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

the bridge is a critical connector between the two Four Mile Run Parks

20:06:02 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

A lot of people from the Alexandria side use the bridge to reach the Giant

20:06:31 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

5. I've observed that the bike/walk path and the bridge sidewalks are used a lot for transportation; to access shopping (and presumably jobs). Something that respects the working class folks who live near the bridge would be nice

20:06:50 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

5. and the Latino/a neighborhoods

20:08:14 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Colors of nature and bright colors of Guatemala/Honduras/El Salvador

20:08:48 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

6. the flag of el Salvador is blue and white; lots of El Salvadorans in this neighborhood

20:10:13 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

activists are working to preserve the culture of Chirilagua. just sayin

20:12:34 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Blue of iris, yellow of spatterdock, purple of pickerelweed

20:13:54 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

love the texture/design on concrete, and laser-cut metal railing

20:15:26 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Will the Glebe bridge have lights at night (colored)?

20:19:13 From Chris Slatt to Everyone:

I think it would be amazing if the art provided a way for people ON the bridge to get a sense of the activity happening beneath the bridge.

20:19:16 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

In the 2019 July flood event, the water was within a foot of the bottom of the bridge deck on the upstream side

20:19:29 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

(The Mount Vernon Avenue bridge)

20:21:42 From Jonathan Krall to Everyone:

thanks. that was very positive

20:22:02 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

THANKS - great information - and great FUN!

20:22:20 From Nate Graham | Arlington DES to Everyone:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Arlington-Ridge-RoadMount-Vernon-Avenue-Bridge>

20:22:45 From Pamela Van Hine to Everyone:

Deadline?

20:23:53 From Kurt Moser to Everyone:

Thank you!

20:24:11 From Liz Birnbaum to Everyone:

Thank you -- and Vicki, I love your work!