

S. George Mason Drive Multimodal Transportation Study

Corridor Concepts Virtual Community Meeting

July 18, 2022, 7-8:30pm

Q&A Transcript

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Identity	Timestamp	Content
Yvonne (Unverified)	7:10:33 PM	If there are any significant items for the 15% design, please mention them. Thank you.
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:11:08 PM	To be clear, the concepts you will see tonight are preliminary and have not been advanced to any degree of design(Yvonne (Unverified) asked "If there are any significant items for the 15% design, please mention them. Thank you.")
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:11:40 PM	Could you be more specific about what you mean by "significant items?"(Yvonne (Unverified) asked "If there are any significant items for the 15% design, please mention them. Thank you.")
Yvonne (Unverified)	7:18:23 PM	You've addressed my concern.
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:18:35 PM	Thanks for letting us know!(Yvonne (Unverified) asked "You've addressed my concern.")
Elizabeth (Unverified)	7:24:08 PM	How does your study, conducted this spring, account for the fact that many people in this area are still working from home and thus traffic counts are significantly lower than it will be when employee commutes resume? By what factor do you scale these numbers up to account for full capacity?
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:24:40 PM	Thanks for this question - we'll hold this until the Q&A so everyone can hear the response(Elizabeth (Unverified) asked "How does your study, conducted this spring, account for the fact that many people in this area are still working from home and thus traffic counts are significantly lower than it will be when employee commutes resume? By what factor do you scale these numbers up to account for full capacity?")
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:36:32 PM	Many homes located on Segment 1 do not have any off-street parking. Where exactly do you envision people will park and how will they access their homes? Have you considered the impact this will have on home valuation?

Anonymous (Unverified)	7:40:56 PM	Why do the plans propose eliminating parking in the Segment 1 area but the areas south of Columbia Pike get to keep parking?
Jason Kaufman (Unverified)	7:42:07 PM	Can you provide an example of a 12' shared use path already in use in the county adjacent to a similar road?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:46:10 PM	Where are people who live on S George Mason supposed to park? Where do our contractors, like electricians park?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:46:52 PM	Is there any analysis on the traffic calming effect of each option? Would either bring the 85% speed down?
Alison MacDonald (Unverified)	7:51:26 PM	Has there been consideration of lowering the speed limit throughout the corridor, particularly in segment 2 where a ton of kids cross George Mason to get to Randolph Elementary? Also, it seems like there's a lot to like in Option B, but a couple questions: 1) For those biking southbound on the multiuse trail, how would they access the westbound W&OD trail (and is it still that terrible crossing to turn right at 4 Mile Run Dr)? 2) How much park space (if any) would be lost at Alcova Heights Park and Doctors Run Park?
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:53:37 PM	Why are you putting more value on preserving the green median than the homeowners who will lose a lot of access to their homes?
Linda Dye (Unverified)	7:55:09 PM	Will identified left turn lanes at CPike and 4MR be maintained?
Yvonne (Unverified)	7:57:19 PM	Comment. Hoping the new developer of the Barcroft Apts is engaged with County reps as this project could impact development plans.
Jason Kaufman (Unverified)	7:57:41 PM	thank you - it would be helpful to understand the frequent driveway interaction with a multi-use trail. That condition doesn't really exist on the Custis or W&OD as far as I know
Nate Graham (nsgraham@arlingtonva.us)	7:59:00 PM	Great comment - will read this aloud.(Jason Kaufman (Unverified) asked "thank you - it would be helpful to understand the frequent driveway interaction with a multi-use trail. That condition doesn't really exist on the Custis or W&OD as far as I know")
Anonymous (Unverified)	7:58:06 PM	There is no refuge for peds crossing George Mason at Columbia Pike!
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:01:36 PM	What is your timeline for implementing these proposed changes?
Linda Dye (Unverified)	8:04:10 PM	Are you looking in particular at the intersection where kids from Barcroft cross to Doctor's Run Park walking up the path through the woods to Randolph ES?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:04:22 PM	What are the usage statistics for cyclists in the Rt 50 - CPke segment that would justify a dedicated bike lane? I rarely see cyclists in the pre-existing dual-use lane, except for early weekend mornings.

		Has there been or will there be any attempts to reach out to BIPOC communities along the S George Mason corridor study area to gain a better understanding of where users in these communities cross the street and how they use the road?
Hung Truong (Unverified)	8:05:03 PM	
Alison MacDonald (Unverified)	8:05:51 PM	Oh! I meant the literal park itself, not parking I realize speeds along George Mason were documented in the presentation. Does the County have data that documents bike usage along George Mason?
Yvonne (Unverified)	8:08:10 PM	Every time you talk about trade offs, what you are not saying is that those of us who live on George Mason will get the all the bad parts and "others" get the good stuff. I support bike lanes, but I do not support it with so much loss to my home. You just keep generally talking about trade offs with no actual specifics as to what home owners, especially in segment 1 are supposed to do. You will not answer real questions as to what we are supposed to do. You have not reached out personally to the home owners. You have no proposals as to where contractors are supposed to park. How we are supposed to reserve space?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:16:48 PM	Strongly support increasing all 4' sidewalks to 6' (we're doing 6' under Form Based Code on CPike). Why 6' planting strip/buffer (we do 4' under Form Based Code on CPike). Would provide 2' for other uses trying to fit into overall width of street.
Linda Dye (Unverified)	8:19:46 PM	To respond to the prior question, I for one would like bike on that segment of George Mason but it feels too unsafe in its current condition. There is definitely latent demand.
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:21:56 PM	Thank you for the response on the cyclists, but there seems to be a difference in usage-expectations b/w segment 1 and the ones further south.
		We have one of the best bike trails in the area (W&OD) that is a 2-minute bike ride from S. GM Dr. - why not direct bike traffic towards the trails, and away from cars? If GM Dr is now a cycling priority, what corridor is still a priority for vehicular traffic?
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:23:32 PM	
Alison MacDonald (Unverified)	8:23:44 PM	Same!
		As someone that lives in Segment 1, I completely agree with the frustrations of the previous commenter. Frankly, we should not lose the ability to park in front of our homes just so that someone "might" start biking. It is completely impractical and has a significant financial impact for us that you have not addressed at all.
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:27:43 PM	
Yvonne (Unverified)	8:31:48 PM	Thank you for hosting this informative session.

Alison MacDonald (Unverified)	8:33:08 PM	From very frequent personal experience, biking on W&OD adds 40 min round trip for me as compared to taking George Mason. I will bike George Mason if and when it is safe. W&OD is not a practical alternative
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:33:17 PM	I agree that N-S connections for bike infrastructure is important. As someone who lives right of George Mason Drive, I have experienced the "bad parts" of speeding cars almost killing me whenever I try to get around with a bike.
Anonymous (Unverified)	8:33:23 PM	Thank you for considering ALL residents, not just those with cars.