



Pedestrian and Bike Safety in McLean

Public Information Meeting
July 14, 2009



Agenda

- Introductions
- Committee Reports
- Comments, Questions, and Answers



Introductions

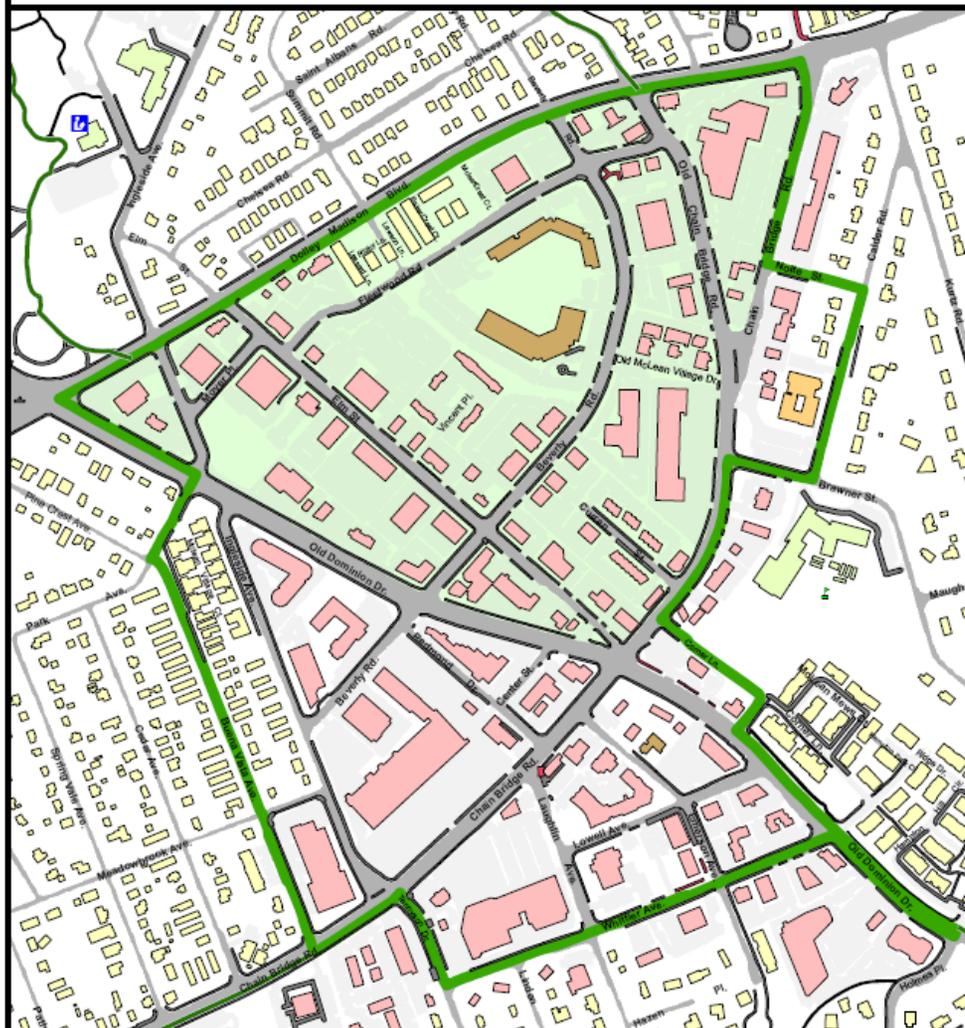
Dranesville Supervisor

John W. Foust

McLean Pedestrian and Bike Safety Task Force

Doug Potts

McLean Pedestrian Task Force Map



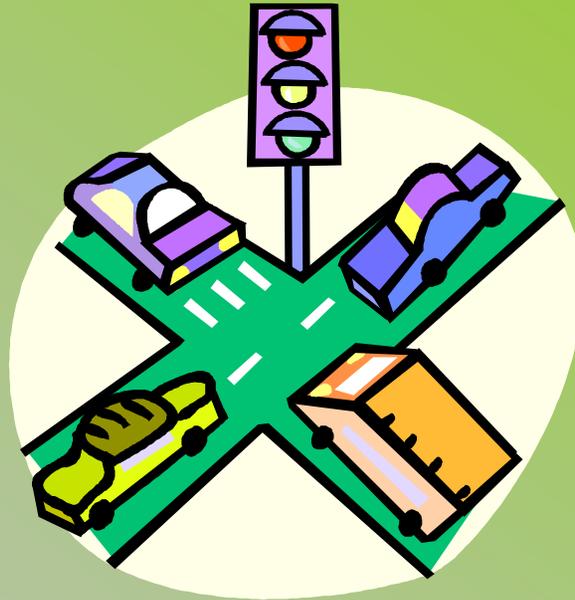
Legend

 Region I	 Single Family Residential	Sidewalks
 Walkabout Region	 Multi Family Residential	 Asphalt
 Routes	 Commercial	 Brick
 Library	 Public	 Concrete
	 Other	 Other

Map created June 26, 2009 by Fairfax County OCRR.

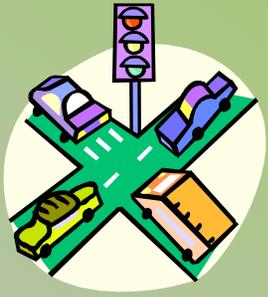
 Elementary School	
 Middle School	
 High School	

0 250 500 1,000 Feet



Safety

Darren Ewing

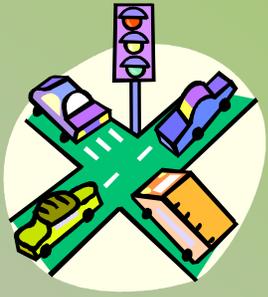


Safety Issues



Old Dominion, Chain Bridge Road, Elm Street

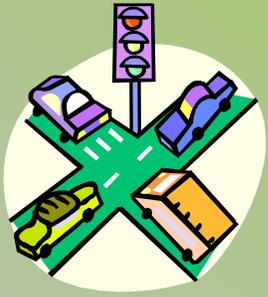
“No marked crosswalk at a busy intersection where children are crossing.”



Awareness / Enforcement



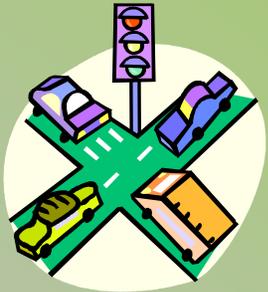
Chain Bridge Road and Westmoreland
“Blocking the pedestrian crosswalk” violation – DANGEROUS



Accessibility



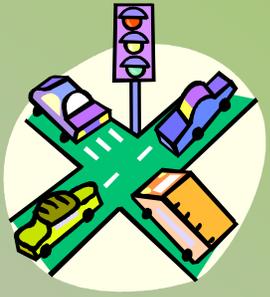
In front of the Post Office
“Where is a person in a wheelchair or a pedestrian to go?”



Accessibility



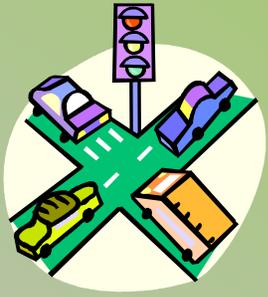
In front of Domino's Pizza
Sidewalk is blocked by dumpster & narrowed by yellow box!



Maintenance



Old Dominion and Chain Bridge Road
Crosswalk is poorly defined and maintenance is needed.



Mid-Block Crossing



Well-designed mid-block crossing located across from Vinson Hall
There is a stop light, a sign and a well-placed button to push.



Bike Lanes and Trails

Dennis Frew



Current Situation

- **No bike lanes or bike parking in the Community Business Center (CBC)**
- **Streets are narrow / irregular shoulders**
- **Sidewalks not an option – unsafe**
- **No continuous bike option on Dolley Madison**



Incomplete Bike Lanes



Riders on Westmoreland bike lanes



Improvement Needed



Lewinsville Road and Rt. 123
Intersection needs improvement for cyclists.



GOALS for the FUTURE

- **Create a bicycle-friendly CBC**
- **Allow safe bicycling from neighborhoods**
- **Facilitate cycling to and from the Metro stations**



Sidewalk Connectivity

Molly de Marcellus

Area Surveyed



- **Arteries from community anchors into the CBC**
 - Middle schools
 - Chesterbrook Shopping Center
 - Lewinsville Park
- **Nearby neighborhoods, focusing on those near the CBC**



Current Situation

- **Most arteries are passable, but need**
 - **Repairs**
 - **Development of missing sidewalk links**
- **Neighborhood sidewalks are erratically placed**
- **Streets that enter the CBC do not have continuous sidewalks**
- **Sidewalks that start with accessibility ramps, may lead into very dangerous unmaintained areas**

Current Situation

We expect to continue on our journey, a stroll, get some exercise, but instead - we meet a dead end – Or worse, we end up in a ditch!



Elm Street and Chain Bridge Road – in front of the Presidential Bank
Sidewalk in front of McDonalds ends nowhere.

Current Situation



Old Dominion Drive - in front of Goodyear
Poor maintenance and planning for sidewalk construction.

Current Situation



Lowell Avenue and Emerson Avenue by the Hair Cuttery Sidewalk needs to be maintained for this mother to continue.

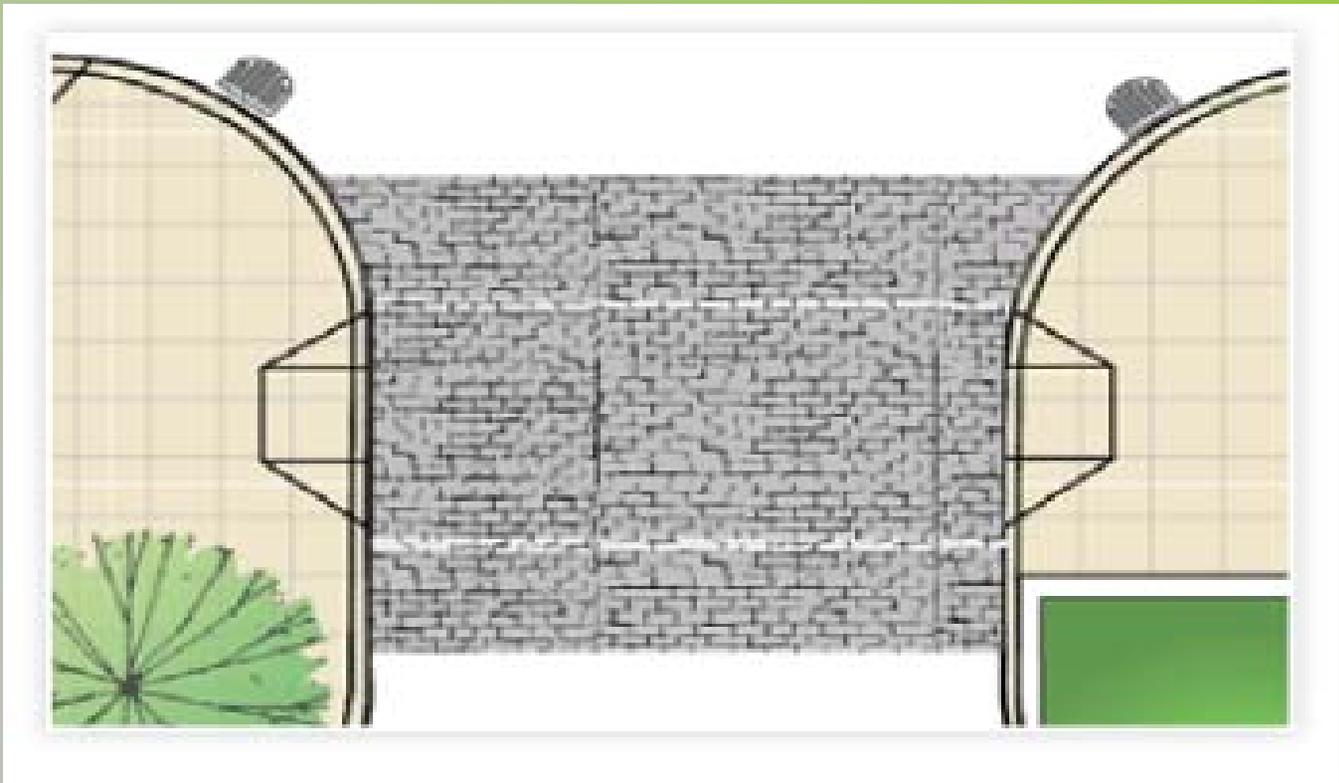


Design Strategies For Enhancing the Pedestrian Experience

Elizabeth Morton



Raised Crosswalks

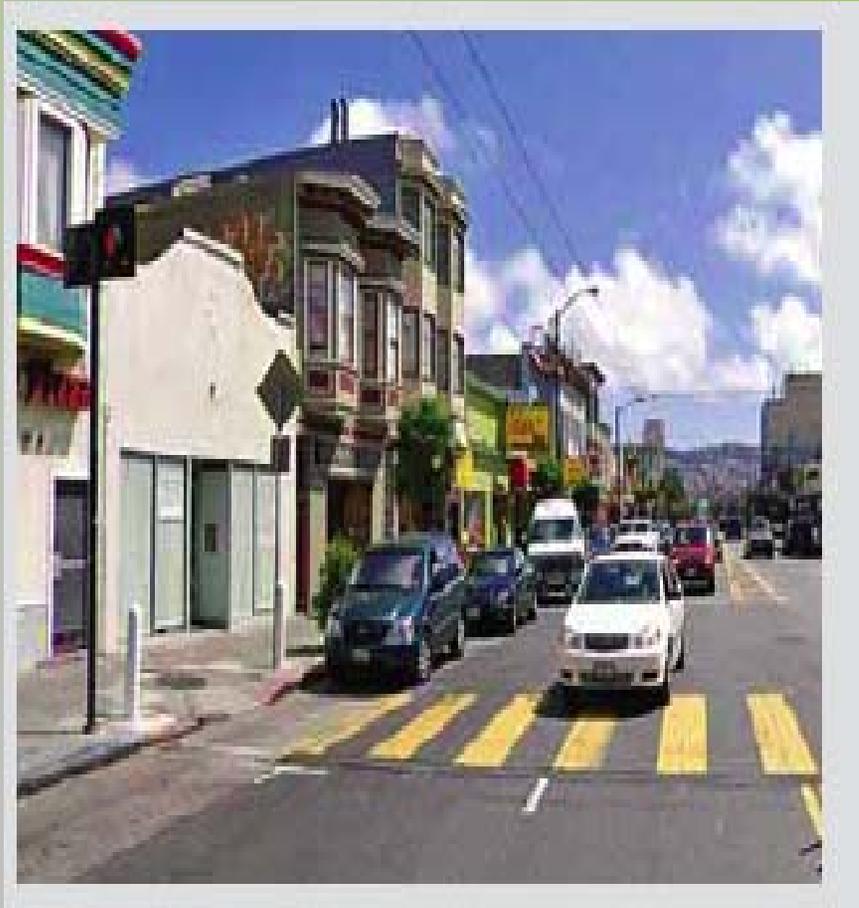


Bump-Outs





Flashing Beacons and Crosswalks





Mid-Block Crossings



Center Islands and Medians





Buffers Between Pedestrians and Traffic





Overall a Lively Pedestrian-Friendly Environment





Gateway Signs





Wayfinding for Cyclists and Pedestrians





Comments !!!

Questions ???

Answers !!!