



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

DATE: January 13, 2021

TO: Mayor Tarter and Members of City Council

FROM: Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation (CACT)

SUBJECT: CACT 2020 Annual Report

This report summarizes the calendar year 2020 activities of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation (CACT) and its priorities for 2021. Members of the CACT include Andrea Caumont (Chair), Dave Gustafson (Vice-Chair), Paul Baldino, Addison Heard, Bill Ackerman, Doug Devereaux, and Shaun Dakin. Note: Chair Caumont is stepping down from the CACT to join the Planning Commission. The CACT is supported by Transportation Planner Jeff Sikes as well as the Department of Public Works' Tara Puzin, P.E., and Zak Bradley, P.E. We would like to thank them for their invaluable support. We would also like to thank our City Council liaison Dave Snyder and our Planning Commission liaison Melissa Teates for their guidance and support.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the growing City of Falls Church by working with citizens and City staff to improve the safety and effectiveness of transportation in and around the City. 2020 was a year of upheaval, but the CACT was able to meet 7 times during the year. A summary of the committee's work follows.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

The CACT continued to assist staff in implementing the Neighborhood Traffic Calming (NTC) program. Public interest in the program remains high and numerous projects are underway or recently completed.

Neighborhood Sidewalk Program

The CACT began discussions of guiding principles for a citizen-led neighborhood sidewalk program that would prioritize requests based on a scoring and prioritization system that takes into account buildability, equity, connectivity, safety, tree preservation and neighborhood support. The committee looks forward to collaborating with staff on developing a proposal for this program for Council review.

Tactical Urbanism

CACT member Paul Baldino researched how local jurisdictions are using tactical urbanism and developed a memo with recommendations for how tactical urbanism (TU) methods and

materials could be incorporated into the Neighborhood Traffic Calming program. This memo was unanimously approved by the CACT and shared with Council.

Crash data

CACT member Paul Baldino compiled data on crashes in the City of Falls Church by using the Virginia DMV's Traffic Records Electronic Data System. Member Baldino also contacted City officer Captain Rau to inquire if additional crash data was available and Captain Rau provided additional data on non-reportable crashes. This data is useful to the committee's understanding of crash "hot spots" in the City.

Development plan review

The CACT continued to stay engaged with plans for two major development projects: West Falls Church and Broad and Washington. The committee provided questions and comments on the West Falls Church SEE and the revised Broad & Washington proposal focused on pedestrian facilities, amenities for cyclists, site circulation and traffic calming.

Other projects

The CACT received presentations from NOVA Parks staff on the progress of the W&OD dual trail project and City staff on LED streetlight replacements.

2021 Goals

- Administer, evaluate and refine the Neighborhood Traffic Calming program
- Meet with the Environmental Sustainability Council to discuss ways to promote walking and biking
- Work with City staff to develop a Neighborhood Sidewalk Program
- Develop Vision Zero policy