



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Date: April 25, 2022
To: Zak Bradley, director, Department of Public Works (DPW)
From: Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation (CACT)
Subject: CACT Action on Pedestrian Safety Near Lincoln Park

Responding to a request from City Manager Wyatt Shields, presented by Senior Planner Jeff Sikes at the CACT's April 13 meeting, to consider allocating Neighborhood Traffic Calming (NTC) funds for solutions to improve pedestrian safety on Great Falls Street and Lincoln Avenue near Lincoln Park, CACT voted to:

1. **(Near term) Approve a request to City staff to develop tactical urbanism-style solutions to improve pedestrian safety that can be installed within 2 months** for the Great Falls Street and Dorchester Road pedestrian crossing, the Lincoln Park pedestrian crossing across Lincoln Avenue, and the Great Falls Street and N. Virginia Avenue crossing.
2. **(Longer term) Approve transferring up to \$125,000 of NTC funds to DPW to procure and install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)** at the Great Falls Street at Dorchester Road pedestrian crossing with these conditions:
 - a. The Bicycle Master Plan be followed regarding bicycle safety on Great Falls Street since it is identified for a future on-street bicycle facility, and with respect to the public comment process on design options (See Bicycle Master Plan, Section 4: Implementation).
 - b. The final design of the curb extensions and RRFBs, plus detailed cost estimates, are presented to CACT for discussion and a second vote before construction begins.

The above actions are intended to accomplish the following:

1. Address pedestrian safety concerns as quickly as possible with tactical, low-cost solutions
2. Allow RRFBs procurement to proceed without delay
3. Ensure the final design of the curb extensions and RRFBs adheres to the intent of the Bicycle Master Plan and its implementation guidelines, including public comment
4. Help CACT understand the actual cost of the proposed design and what funds may remain for other NTC projects, given that the requested amount for one pedestrian crossing exceeds the typical annual NTC budget.

CACT thanks the City manager and staff for their efforts to quickly address the pedestrian safety concerns that neighbors and CACT have raised about these areas in the past year.