

October 3, 2017

Ms. Carol Mitten
Deputy County Manager
County Manager's Office
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 302
Arlington, VA 22201

SUBJECT: Pedestrian Safety and Hybrid Beacon at North Harrison Street and North Carlin Springs Road

Dear Ms. Mitten,

The Arlington Forest Civic Association (AFCA) is greatly concerned with Arlington County's lack of progress in improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of North Harrison Street and North Carlin Springs Road. Since AFCA sent a letter to county officials in 2016, little progress has been made.

The AFCA encourages the County to use the 2017 pedestrian counts to complete the warrant analysis and consider appropriate alternatives at the crossing that will require cars to come to a complete stop for crossing pedestrians, such as a red light HAWK signal. We respectfully request that the warrant analysis be completed as quickly as possible.

We understand after talking to you and your staff that despite sufficient data to conduct a warrant analysis for a pedestrian hybrid beacon, the County is planning to gather additional pedestrian and vehicular data from the intersection, again delaying safety improvements. Arlington County collected pedestrian crossing data for the subject intersection in July 2017 (see Attachment 1 - PedCounts_Carlin Springs.pdf). Vehicular count and speed were collected in 2015 (see Attachments 3A, 3B, 4A, and 4B). We also understand that the County collected vehicular and speed data at the intersection of North Edison Street and North Carlin Springs Road during June or July 2017. The width of the subject intersection is unchanged. It is our understanding that these four data points, (i.e., pedestrian crossing data, vehicular counts, vehicular speed and intersection width) are the principal inputs to the warrant analysis. We urge the County to proceed to the warrant analysis for the intersection without delay or additional pedestrian data collection.

County officials are scheduled to attend the **October 18, 2017** AFCA meeting and we ask Arlington County to provide a date by which the analysis will be completed at the meeting. We are asking the County to strongly consider completing the analysis for the intersection by **December 1, 2017**.

We look forward to connecting with you again soon. Please contact: Allison Kennett at president@arlingtonforestva.org and copy residents Lora Strine at strine.lora@gmail.com; and Beverly Johnston at johnston.beverly@verizon.net. Lora can be reached at 202 564 1521 during business hours.

Respectfully,

Ms. Allison Kennett

cc: Patrick Hope, Virginia House of Delegates

Mr. Jay Fiset, Chair, Arlington County Board
Mr. John Vihstadt, Member, Arlington County Board
Mr. Mark Schwartz, County Manager