

June 8, 2026

Dear Mr. Sullivan,



The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), a nonprofit which promotes walking and bicycling in Alexandria, strongly supports Option 2 for Russell Rd, as approved by our members at our June 8, 2026 meeting.

For Russell Rd, Option 2 is the safest for people walking and biking because it features pedestrian refuge islands. They allow people walking and biking to cross one travel lane at a time, providing a safe space to wait for a gap in traffic and encourages drivers to stop. Since Walnut St is identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as a sharrow route, it should have dashed green bike lanes across Russell Rd and should have stop for people walking and biking signs (R1-6e) installed in-street to encourage drivers to stop for people walking and biking. Since Russell Rd often has queuing traffic that can block the existing crosswalks, these features will help keep the bike route and crosswalks clear of stopped drivers.

Similarly, the West Masonic View Ave intersection should receive a similar treatment as it too is a helpful bike route for people coming from Del Ray, providing a more gradual hill than Walnut St.

Sincerely,

Ken Notis
Chair, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee