



Welcome to the Duke Street in Motion Newsletter, where the Project Team will share information about Advisory Group activities, project updates, and helpful resources related to Duke Street in Motion.

In this March 2023 newsletter, you'll find:

- Advisory Group Meeting Information
- Project Updates
- Next Steps

ADVISORY GROUP MEETING INFO.

MARCH MEETING

The Advisory Group will meet on March 16 at 6:30 PM at the DASH Facility (3000 Business Center Drive) and via Zoom (https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mXAnVFaxSxO1qzc8GocJWw). The Advisory Group will be reviewing design updates since December, a template for their recommendation to Council (which will be discussed in May), and the engagement plan for the duration of this conceptual design phase of the project. Advanced materials are now available at alexandriava.gov/DukeInMotion.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

On February 16, the Advisory Group discussed details about curb features. In this process, "curb features" are defined as elements over the curb, which may include bicycle facilities, green space, pedestrian facilities, and service roads.

The Project Team's proposal for curb features focused on improvements to the north side of the street, continuous facilities for walking and biking. In some sections without right of way constraints, this took the form of a separated two-way cycle track and a wider sidewalk. In more constrained environments, it included a shared use path. Where feasible, additional green space was introduced.

There was broad Advisory Group consensus that safety should be a top priority in the design of curb features. There was consensus, though not unanimity, that a continuous bicycle facility should also be deemed a priority and that a bicycle facility separated from pedestrians should be accommodated to the extent possible. Several members spoke to the importance of green space, but not to the detriment of safety for all users.

PROJECT UPDATES

COUNCIL PRESENTATION & OTHER MEETINGS

Project Team staff **presented to Council** at the February 14th Legislative Meeting to provide an update about the project and next steps. The presentation (approx. 1 hour) can be found at https://alexandria.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=57&clip_id=5735, starting at the 2 hour and 41 minute mark.

While the analysis of the design concepts will not be completed until April, the Project Team has been **visiting businesses and meeting with civic associations and homeowners' associations** to provide information about the project and receive feedback. In early March, members of the Project Team presented to an **Alexandria City High School class** about transportation planning and Duke Street in Motion. If you want the Project Team to present to your community, please reach out to Jennifer.monaco@alexandriava.gov to see about options and opportunities.

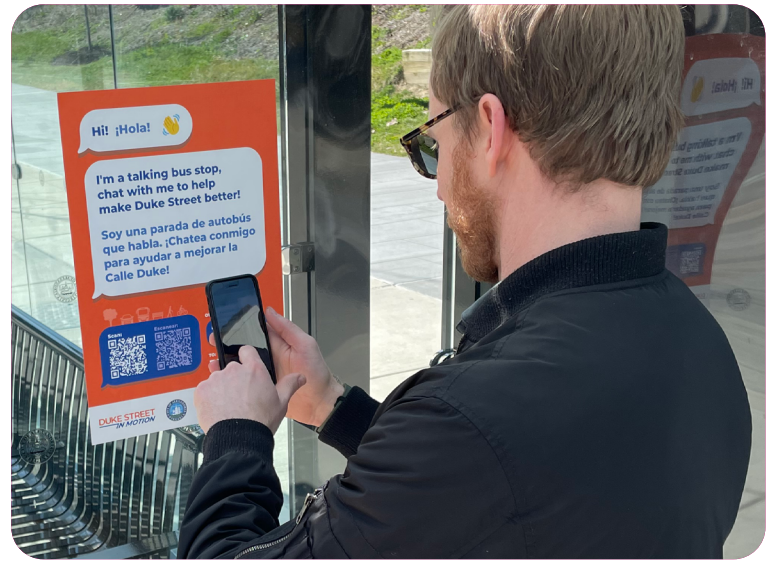




"HELLO DUKE STREET" INTERACTIVE SIGNS

Over the next few weeks, be on the lookout for "Hello Duke Street" signs on bus stops, sidewalks, around the corridor, and online.

You can scan a QR code to chat about the project and learn more. Hello Duke Street will be available in multiple languages.



NEXT STEPS

More information on the engagement plan and next steps will be shared at the Advisory Group meeting on March 16. **Save the date for an evening community event on April 20th** at Bishop Ireton. More details will follow.



April 13 AG Meeting

Topic:
Present detailed analysis for the two concepts.



**April 13 through April 30:
Community Comment Period**



Provide more information about two busway concepts, including curb features and more detailed analyses.



Collect feedback to inform:

- The Advisory Group's recommendation to Council.
- Areas to consider as the concept advances into further design.



May 25 AG Meeting

Topic:
Discuss community feedback & select a preferred alternative.

Project Website:
Scan the code or visit
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