

Thomas Jefferson District Planning Commission
Move Safely Blue Ridge Virtual Public Meeting Summary

June 20, 2024

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

- TJPDC Staff: Ruth Emerick, Gorjan Gjorgjievski, Christine Jacobs, and Sarah Simba
- Move Safely Blue Ridge Project Team: Rashaun Bennett, Noah Holmes Foster, Rossana Gonzalez, Mark Herman, and Danielle McCray
- 6 total community participants

Meeting Overview:

- **Welcome:** Gorjan Gjorgjievski welcomed participants and noted that the content covered in this virtual meeting is the same as the in-person meetings held between June 10-12, 2024. He outlined the importance of road safety and provided a brief overview of the project.
- **Housekeeping:** Rashaun Bennett explained the housekeeping rules, stating that the meeting is being recorded and asking participants to remain muted unless they have questions, and to utilize the chat for additional questions.
- **Project Overview:** Danielle McCray provided an overview of the agenda and the project, highlighting that it is administered through the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, focusing on reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all road users.
- **Data Presentation:** Mark Herman presented data from the six jurisdictions, including the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. He shared statistics on fatalities and serious injuries and discussed each jurisdiction's commitment to reduce these numbers within specified timeframes.
- **Community-Driven Solutions:** Danielle McCray emphasized that potential solutions would be community-driven and based on the 4Es framework: Engineering, Education, Enforcement, and Emergency response to improve roadway safety.
- **Participant Commitments:** Participants were invited to make personal commitments to enhance roadway safety, such as wearing seatbelts and being aware of pedestrians and cyclists. They were also asked to suggest actions for the Move Safely Blue Ridge project team, including sharing messages about the dangers of using cell phones while driving and supporting local organizations with safety infographics and materials.
- **Public Survey:** Noah Holmes Foster reviewed the survey, which includes two parts. The first part allows participants to use a map to pinpoint dangerous intersections, while the second part is a SurveyMonkey questionnaire about travel habits, safety concerns, and demographic information.

- **Conclusion and Next Steps:** Danielle McCray concluded the meeting by encouraging participants to visit the project website at movesafelyblueridge.com, inform their neighbors and community members about the project, and complete the online survey by June 30.

The recording of the zoom meeting can be [found here](#). Questions regarding Move Safely Blue Ridge can be directed to info@movesafelyblueridge.com.